

3. Mss - Diary of Morris Officer, ~~Amherst 1852-1853~~ Oct.7, 1852-Nov.2, 1853
190p.

Arrived at New York City 19th
 Dec. 25 } 6603.
 Embarked
 Family boat came to — 27
 Left Sunday Brook — 28
 No date yet — 29
 Storm Sat 29.50 from 6.00 — 5

- 1 Raymond
- 2 Mrs. Raymond
- 3 Kate
- 4 Miss Shearson
- 5 Corrick
- ~~6~~ ~~7~~ ~~8~~
- 9 ~~10~~
- 6 Mr. Jeff
- 8 Brook & wife
- 10 Thompson & wife
- 12 Central Mr.
- 13 Brown
- 14 Miss Allen
- 15 Mower
- 17 Putnam Mr.
- 18 Grey

Benevolent Societies at Monrovia
1st Dorcas Society - to take care of
old sick people & orphan children
have a stone house for that purpose
This is a Methodist institution.

2nd Union Sisters of Charity - to aid
the Widow & Orphan in clothing
feeding nursing & educating. A Pres-
byterian Society

3 The Benevolent Society - for
General benevolence - It is com-
posed of the principal women
of the place of various religious
denominations.

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Mr Thompson & wife	2
Mr. Brewster	2
Misses Denton & daughter	2
Miss Mcquire (colored)	1
Dr. Cole & Mr. Officer	2
Three children	<u>3</u>
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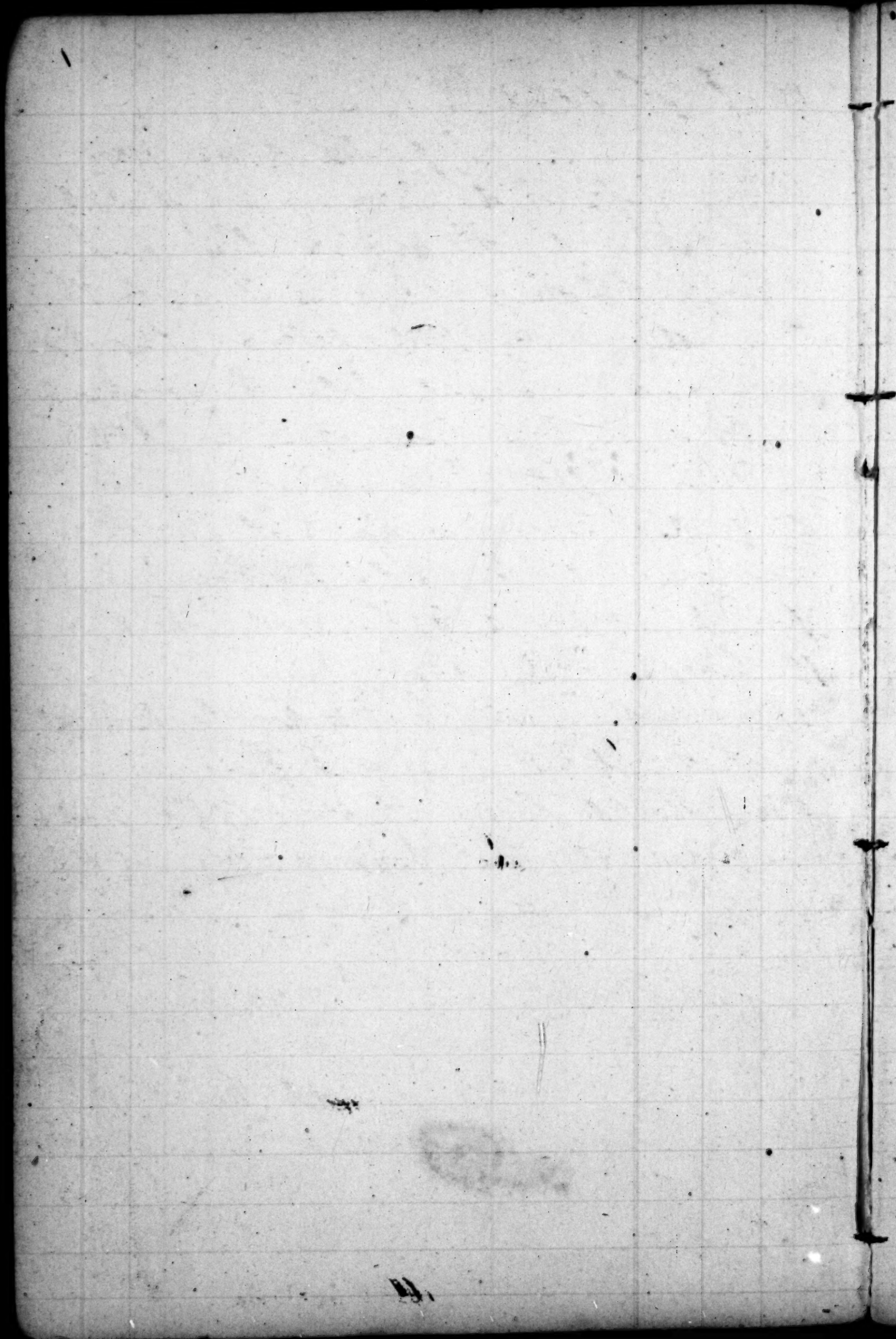
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Departed from my
dear wife and some of her friends
at S and started for New-york
with design of sailing thence to the
Mende Nip. West Africa - Bro Wm.
B. and wife and sister R. ~~went~~ came
along to O below, where we staid
Thurs. night 7th

8 Frid. Forenoon spent at O. After-
noon went to O below together -

9 Sat returned to O and staid

10 Sund. and on

11 Mond. went to O below - took boat
at O P. M. for Buffalo

12 Started from Buffalo 9 O and
arrived at the Niagara Falls at 10:
staid till 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

13th Wednesday - Lockport N. Y. arri-
ved here last evening, staid during
the night with Bro. W. L. Dox. &
Today have had a ~~very~~ pleasant &
profitable time with him speaking
of the condition and prospects of
the Church - The work of missions,
and the toils and trials of our

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own Spiritual life— Bro. Dox is a man of enlarged views and warm feelings— is frank and agreeable in his manner and is evidently a man of much thought— and holy discipline.

He has at least strengthened my purposes, and cheered my heart if all our ministers were like him the cause of Christ would not so languish here nor so slowly advance among the heathen? I remain here till tomorrow in order to see some of the members of his Church I feel an increased desire for a better religious state and am determined to be more watchful over my conduct as well as more prayerful

14th Thurs. Left Lockport came to Rochester with a view of doing something for the Miss. but could not have a meeting and in consequence of the absence of some and the engagements of others could not

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Succeed in making private solicitations
staid all night with bro. G. Need-
ham and was treated very kindly.

15 Frid. Have travelled from Rocher-
ter to Altia detained much by
Scott on the cars with us most
of the day making speeches and
most of the Stations along the
road. He seems to be a sensible
man but the people his friends
are super-sensible—manifest rather
too much feeling. A foolish thing
done in a foolish manner cannot
be destitute of folly. I have been
obliged to live within myself all
day. Have felt sad to see the
little regard men have for God.
I could not enter into conversa-
tion for a few minutes without
being obliged to hear profane words
from him to whom I might speak.
It is joyous to cast our minds
forward from such scenes to the
future state of peace and holiness.

16 Left Altia Early Reached Canajoharie
at 8^h Ok. Rode in a wagon to

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Sargusville and there called on
Rev. Fling, who received me with
much kindness and took me to
Rev. Hulings & Mr. distant. With
bro. W. L. Smith during Sunday.

17 Presented the Miss. League in the
morning in bro. W. L. Smith at Sargus-
ville in the morning and preached
once in the afternoon and
once at night in other places.
Received a coll. at S. - Had a very
pleasant time - Late evening Wind.
Received much encouragement
from bro. W. in regard to the
Miss. League.

18 Went in company with bro.
W. from Carlisle to Albany.
Day pleasant Company very
agreeable. Took cars at S.
in the evening and arrived
at New York late at night.

19 Morning Saw bro. Thompson bro.
Harner and Whipple wrote some
letters and went in the
evening with bro. J. to Orange
in New Jersey and attended a

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Miss meeting. Large audience

20 Visited some persons at C. in company with bro. Thompson. Returned to the city.

21 Visited the Greenwood Cemetery on Long Is. It is exceedingly beautiful. Undulating covered with trees and well improved. But the money spent in costly monuments and fencing ~~should~~ have done more to glorify God if it had been used in sending the Lamp of Life to the benighted.

22. Went to the fair - wrote letters - at night went in company with bro. Thompson to Barnum's Museum. Some good things - much imposition and foolery - was benefitted on the whole.

23 Wrote letters to bro. Dox & Whiting and Mr. Smith. Spent some time in conversation with bro. D.

24 Sunday attended preaching at Rev. W. W. Beecher's Church morning and evening - Spaid rest of the time with bro. Warner.

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- 25 Mond. Wrote letters forenoon
Evening took boat for Albany
Night was very fine and the
Scenery along the Hudson River
was truly grand
- 26 Rode eight miles from Albany
to West Sand Lake, after taking
breakfast with Dr. Paine, a real
friendly and pious man, and
one whom I shall remember
with gratitude and pleasure.
- 27 Still with bro. N. Van Ostine.
In him I find a true friend
to missions and a helper of those
who would ~~do~~^{do} good.
- 28 Spent in reading, writing letters
to Susan & bro Melul. Evening
went with bro. V. to visit a friend
- 29 Went to Albany with bro. van.
visited the State house State Li-
brary State Geological rooms Cath-
edral which is to cost six hundred
thousand dollars. The day was spent
pleasantly and profitably - It was
the day of the burial of the Hon.
Gen. Webster demonstrations were

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made in every part of the city
30 Sat. Read several articles in Reviews
of the most of a work by Dr. Scott
Stiles "My progress in error" The
author states his antipathy in error
& dislike for the common - a desire
to be apart from the mass. To be
a "Liberal", "free-thinking" man
He passed through Universalism
Unitarianism, infidelity - to
a sort of Atheism and back through
all to the Orthodoxy of the age
It was interesting to me as I have
travelled a little that way some-
times myself - I shall try to profit
by it.

31 Sund. Spoke for the Miss. at W. Sand-
lake in the forenoon - and at a country
Church in the afternoon. Retained to be
Vanobstines in the evening. Did not feel
much interest in the cause - and could
not speak with much freedom.

Nov. 1st 1852. Mond. Read a part
of forenoon, and at 12 O' - Started with
bro. Vanobstine to Scoville, Schoharie
Co, where he preaches a Dedication Sermon.

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We rode till after dark, and put up at a tavern on the top of Helleberg mts. a rough set of men there, and as it was only the night before the Pres. Election, there was drinking, much loud talk and swearing. I wrote a letter to Dr. Sprecher

Nov. 2nd Started early, rode to Schoharie^{137 mi.} Court house, for breakfast, and then rode to bro. Vanobstine's brother-in-law's, where we staid all night

3rd Wed. Drove to Scervill, 7 miles, and attended services at 11. again at 2, and at night first sermon by bro. Vanobstine 2nd by bro. Hemperley 3rd by bro. Smith. Here I met, together five of the ministers of the Grandean Synod, and in the afternoon had a conference with them in reference to their aiding the mission. They are all heartily in favor of the movement and of their Synods giving their Miss. funds to its support.

4th Thues. After a long talk in the morning we separated, and I accompanied bro. Hemperley to Windsor Montgomery

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Co. where I shall spend the Sabbath
Thus my mingling with these brethren
has been refreshing to me, and I hope
will prove a blessing to this Synod and
to the mission. May God spare my
life and give strength to do this work
before me.

5 Frid. Spent at bro. Hemperley's
reading writing & studying

6 Wrote letters to bro B. Browning &
Rev. J. P. R. Read considerable.

7 Sund. It rained hard and winter
forenoon - we had no meeting at
Seesville, afternoon went to Stark-
ville where I spoke on the subject of
the mission, not many present, but
much interest manifested - Coll. 425
Went a few miles into the country
and staid with bro. Countryman
during the night

8 Mond. Was taken by bro. G. to
the cars at Post Plain where I
took passage for New-York and arri-
ved the same evening - Spent the
night with bro. Haerel.

9 Tues. Wrote letters to bro. and sister

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Rogers at S and in the evening went with bro Thompson to Newark, where we had an interesting meeting of the colored people

10 Wed. Came to New York for books. Wrote to Dr. Myers, and returned to Newark to another meeting in the Cen. Ch. Interesting time. Staid all night with bro. Woodhull in company with bro. B. who goes along to the Miss.

11 Came to the city. Wrote to bro. Sox. Called on Rev. Stohlmann Schock Sutherland and requested them to lend me some aid in getting funds - but they refused. They are not at all interested in the Miss. I never met a colder reception or rather repulse than from the latter. Night reading till late. Then went with bro. Harned to Brooklyn.

12 Reading and writing letters

13 Sat. Reading most of the day

14 Sund. attended preaching at Mr. Beaker's Church forenoon and at

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- night, and addressed a Sunday School in the afternoon on Sand St. Brooklyn. Very interesting meeting
- 15 Mond. Reading, assisting Geo. Haerns &c.
- 16 Wrote letters, and attended Miss. meeting at night
- 17 Wed. Employed most of the day about the Office. Attended Miss. meeting at Brooklyn at night
- 18 Thurs. 19 Fri. 20 Sat. Was employed in sorting and packing goods for the Canada & Nevada Miss.

During all this time I have been waiting for a vessel to sail. Am anxious to be off as the time is far past at which we had designed going. I am doing but little here if anything and yet between talking, walking about, writing letters, and reading some in the papers, I am constantly employed. I have been too thoughtless and too trifling. Will try to be more serious.

- 21 Sund. Heard bro. Shock preach in the forenoon. bro. Stears in the afternoon and bro. Baker at night. All good discourses, and in the even. I felt edified and encouraged to make renewed efforts to improve in every way.
22. Attended Women Prayer meeting at Plymouth Ch. with bro. Cole and spent the rest of the day in various things at the Miss. rooms.
- ~~23 Tues. Reading~~ Lectured for bro. Thompson at a Church of the Colored people in Brooklyn.
- 23 Tues. Writing and sending, together with some little duties at the office. Lectured at night for bro. F. at Lee. Pennington Ch. good meeting.
- 24 Wed. Writing some for bro. W. and attending to other duties for the mission.
- 25 Thurs. This day was observed as a day of Public Thanks giving. I attended the Eng. South Ch. on Malabar St and heard bro. Shock preach from Oh. that men would praise the Lord for his goodness to

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Took dinner with Schock and then returned to the Miss. rooms where I spent most of the afternoon alone — I feel sad to see how much of my life has been wasted and how I now let day after day pass without accomplishing any thing. I think of home of my dear Susan with whom I should have remained longer if I had known of this delay. I pray that this disappointment may be for the best. Bro. Thompson has just come.

26 Frid. Reading most of the day

27 Sat. Wrote a letter to Susan — Spent some time looking about for a vessel to sail in. Read Homer.

I spend the evening with Bro. Cole at the Office. Feel desirous to be on my way to the Mission, but am conscious that I am but illy prepared for the work. Bro. Parker has been with us a considerable time this evening and we have had a long talk. He is an interesting young man.

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- 28 Sund. Heard H. W. Beecher in the forenoon and at night. The discourse in the evening, on the Sovereignty of God, was truly edifying to me and I returned instructed and encouraged.
- 29 Mond. Spent the day at the Missions Rooms, chiefly in reading. Went ~~at~~ in company with Bro. Cole and Bro. Parker to an exhibition at the Union The. Seminary and was well entertained by the exercises.
- 30 Tues. Read most of the day the Koran which I have thought may be useful to me in Africa. This afternoon I read the Parker's Sermon on the death of Sam. Webster. It is an eloquent and pointed discourse.
- Today we were visited by Mr. M. Shaw who is to furnish us a vessel for Africa. He cannot have one ready in less than three weeks. I desire to make a good use of that time. I desire to live a better life.

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Dec. 11 Today the time is set for our sailing this day week which will be 18th. Wrote a letter to bro. Jon and ~~and~~ one to Dr. Harts Ed. of the Lutheran Observer.

Embarked

Sat evening Dec. 23th 1852

This afternoon about 4 O'k. we bade Bro. Whipple and bro. Parker farewell at the "White Hall" and came off on two small boats to the Martha Clark in North River. Bro. Warned came with us and staid a few minutes. While at supper bro. Warned came on board again with some Bills that had been forgotten in his Room. He took supper with us and after a few minutes left. Soon after coming on board I asked the Capt if we could have prayer night & morning during the voyage, and he answered affirmatively, and with cheerfulness. About 10 O'k. Bro. Thompson read a Chapt. led in singing a hymn and in prayer. It rains - All but

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the Capt. and I have retired. I hear no noise but the falling of rain overhead and the tramp of the Watchman on deck.

When we left the Mission Rooms this afternoon we expected to sail immediately but on arriving at the vessel the Cook had left & has not yet returned, and besides there is not now wind enough to take us out to Sea. We shall probably lie here till Monday.

I feel calm and contented - happy that I have so good a prospect of reaching Africa to do good.

26 — Sund evening. We still lie in North River — We would have passed out today if the Cook had been on board. Bro. Thompson Preached this forenoon all were present but two of the crew who had to watch.

About 3 O'Clock we were aroused by the cry of "Man Overboard" and on running out we saw one of the sailors who had fallen from the rigging, floating past the ship. The tide.

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was ebbing rapidly - Boat was let down and sent after him, but to no purpose. He was gone - Gone to another world. He was doing something ~~striking~~ the sails, and fell upon the side of the vessel. The stroke perhaps killed him immediately.

We had a prayer-meeting ^{wrote a letter to Susan} this evening all again were present but two.

27th Sandy Hook. We hoisted anchor about noon and came against wind down to this place - There the Captain said he would wait for better weather. The wind is quite strong from the South E. - The ship rolls considerably. Most of the company have been sea sick during the afternoon and evening - I have been a little sick tonight. Have been reading Geology most of the day.

Feel that nothing but God's grace can sustain me in this undertaking. The rest except the Capt. have retired, so I must do the same.

29th ~~Nov.~~ Dec. ~~Mon.~~ Yesterday
 about 3 P.M. we weighed anchor
 and after running Sundry Hook
 put to ~~down~~ sea in a smart
 gale. The wind had been blow-
 ing from the S. E. for nearly
 24 hours, ~~but had now~~ caus-
 ing a heavy sea from that
 direction, but having now
 whirled about it curved us
 at the rate of 8 ms. an hour
 against the sea. We soon
 found our Buck rolling
 and careering wildly on the
 mad waves. Most of the
 ship. Com. became very sick
 and were unable to sit or
 stand. I was on deck until
 the snore was entirely up
 and secured, which was
 hard to be done, and on going
 into the Cabin found nearly
 all lying in their berths. Miss
 Lexter was left in charge of
 my, and took charge of
 Mrs. Thompson's child.

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I attended to each of them as well as I could, but was obliged after to go on deck for fresh air. A little after dark the waves became more violent and tossed us furiously. Some of the Scurvy took supper the Capt. ordered some gruel to be made and brought ~~in~~ by the Cabin Boy into the outer cabin where mugs were arranged ^{on the table} to receive it. The Capt. ordered the Boy to hold the sauce pan to its place on the floor while he proceeded to dip up the gruel. A few mugs were full and I started with one to some of the Sick in their state rooms. A great toss of the ship sent me forward over the edge of the table onto the ~~table~~ and boxes which had tumbled from the lashing ropes on the opposite side & were tumbling and sliding from side to side as the vessel rolled

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I looked around and saw
 the Mugs ^{lying} ~~bound~~ from the
 table and lighting where
 it happened. The Capt. ~~was~~
 being in a stooping posture
 and emptied its contents on
 his back and then dashed
 upon the floor. The Boy, now
 mostly flat upon the floor
 was sliding about in the
 spilt grease but holding on
 to the gun as the Capt.
 took him. The ~~two~~ ~~glances~~
~~two~~ folding or sliding door
 between the outer and inner
 cabin flew back and forth
 furiously. The large Racking
 chairs were going better faster
 about the floor. I looked
 into the cabin while riding
 on one of the benches, and saw
 Miss. Weston snugly ~~up~~
 lined on the lounge with
 little moss in her arms.
 The lounge was blocked
 up between the Stateroom

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and. Mizer Murty and
was the more scholar
from the evolutions of the
Chairs. Miss. S. was as
cool and collected as ever I
saw her. After we had found
the grand and secured the
baggage &c. I thought of
my journal but that was
all I could do for it was in
one of my trunks and I
could neither get nor write
in it if I had it. So I crawled
into my berth, and remained
most of the time till morning
but did not sleep much as
I was obliged to make some
effort to remain in my place.
Go day all have been in their
berths most of the time but
Mys. S. & J. We have been
reading some and talking
but the sea is very rough
I am now obliged to write
sitting flat on the floor, with
my back against the stateroom

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and one foot against
the stove-box which is
nail'd to the floor. We have
made no observations today
so I do not know our lat.
& lon.

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Thurs

Sat 39. Lon. 67

30th Right about 8 O'Clock. Today has
been a pleasant day. The weather
clear and not too cold to be out
on Deck. Wind fair in the
forenoon. Afternoon not much wind
and not favorable much of the
time. saw the breeze seems in-
creasing and is coming from S. E.
The company are now getting better
of the Sea-Sickness and all seems
more pleasant. Had prayers last
night this morning and evening
Saw today many Portuguese
men of war, and attempted to
catch some in a bucket, but
could get none. In the attempt
to take one I broke my Watch
Crystal and lost the Minute
hand. So I shall be without a

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good time piece. I have not read
nor studied much today, and
feel that I have allowed the hours
to pass to carelessly.

31st ~~Dec.~~ ^{Friday} (night) This is the last day of the
3 year and now drawing towards the last hour
of the day - How ~~the~~ solemn should one feel
under circumstances like these. I fear I do not stop
enough to think to reflect. - Today we have made
no progress at all or but very little. At noon
today we were at Lat. 40. 17" - Lon. 67"
Now we are going S. S. W. but not rapidly
This morning we saw a School of Porpoise go-
ing in the opposite direction, but ^{they} did not pass
near us. The weather was fine all day, and is
now pretty clear.

(4th day out) 1853 Sat 39-50 Lon. 65°

^{Wednesday} December 1st Half past ~~seven~~ O. Even-
ing. We are now in the midst of a
Storm. The rain falls heavily and the wind
sows among the sails & rigging, while the
Sea seems white with foam. All hands
are out taking in sail. I can see
a more than usual solemnity in our
little company. And I feel more than
I can always do the Wonders of Gods works

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The wind subsides a little but the waves still toss us considerably.

We have taken no observations today as it was very hazy in the forenoon. Not much wind till the storm since dark and what we had was not favorable so that we made but little advance.

I arose this morning early and have been busy most of the day - was trying to understand the manner of taking observations and calculating. Sat.

and Son. ^{is luminous meteor appears on the mast top} and frightens the sailors. It is called St. Elmo's Sight - is supposed to be a collection of Electricity.

I now set out upon the New-year with renewed resolutions of faithfulness in every known duty. I have done so little during the past year that I feel sad when I think of it. May God, my Helper, Give me grace for all my coming duties.

When in the midst of one of our occasional gales, or storms, I am less more than at other times to think of the end, and then ~~am~~ impressed with the necessity of improving the time given me of doing my daily work. I shall try to make the best of this

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voyage in preparation for my work at the Miss. That now is the immediate object of my efforts. I have carefully considered it and believe it my duty to go - and therefore I proceed to prepare for it although I may never reach the place of my intended labors. That however is not mine to calculate upon, for since God has given me life, it is my duty to use the time he allows me. At the same time I feel that I have no claim to life if continued, it will be a free gift from Him who is merciful to even the disobedient and prodigal.

5 2nd Sund night. No. Obsecration Today. The wind has been strong ever since last evening at 5 o. until 6 this evening. The Sea still rough. Most of the company have been quite dull today. The ship tossed so furiously by this morning & all day that we had no social worship till this evening. Last night is indelibly fixed in my memory

Lat 39-20 Long 64-40

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for it was a night of tossing
 rough and violence. The rain
 poured in torrents the sudden
 bursts of wind swept some of our
 sails away - split others and
 caused the sailors much trouble
 and labor, but they managed
 all very well. Their conduct
 during the last 24 hours has
 greatly won my regard.

The Swells of the sea now toss
 us tremendously. My chair
 has been thrown from under
 me twice since I commenced
 writing. I thank God for
~~the~~ what I have experienced
 during last night & today. I
 have been led to reflect deeply
 and I hope with profit. I now
 feel joyful that the swelling
 billows bear me on to the
 benighted heathen. May God
 Speed us!

3 Mond. night. We have sailed
 6 in a N. Easterly direction most
 of the day because the wind is

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unfavorable. The Sea has not been^{so} boisterous today - Sailors ~~are~~ have been busy all day mending the sails that were ~~storn~~ ^{storn} ~~sat~~ ^{sat} night. This forenoon I studied considerable but afternoon did but little - Stomach in a bad state. Do not feel sufficiently interested in heavenly things.

There ~~appears~~ is appearance of Storm tonight

4 Tues. Night. The wind and waves are now violent, throwing the vessel about with great force and keeping up a constant roar, with^a frequent loud ~~thun~~ thumping noise like the discharge of Cannon. Now and then huge waves roll against the sides and dash over on deck a flood of water. Last night did not continue stormy very long. We slept well. This forenoon not much wind. Afternoon wind strong & in general favorable, so that we have advanced rapidly. So cloudy this morning to take Observations for Longitude noon by my observation

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Sun 32°

and calculation we were in Lat. 38. 57. Have been reading most of the day - part of the time in Prof. St. John's Geology, with which I have been well entertained.

5 Wed. night. Today at noon
 our Lat. was $39^{\circ} 50'$ and
 Lon. $60^{\circ} 06'$. But now we
 are far to the N. E. for a ter-
 rible Storm from the S. W.
 came on this afternoon and
 we have gone before it for
 some time at the rate of 11
 or 12 cons. per hour. Our
 entire company seem rather
 dispirited. This evening we
 could not kneel in prayer
 but bro. J. most humbly &
 solemnly commended us all
 into the hands of God while
 sitting in his Chair. We have
 not had the table set for any
 meal since yesterday morning
 much of the time for several
 hours the deck has been covered

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with water a foot deep - tremendous waves dash clear over the centre while great quantities of water land upon the after Deck and run down the Hatch Way into the Cabin.

The sudden pressure of waves against the sides sound like distant thunder.

I feel much impressed with this scene for it seems designed for some end. Is it to make me feel more ~~the~~ my own insignificance and the vanity of this life? If so, O may it do its office! I feel that for months past I have spent ~~much~~ entirely too little time in secret prayer & reflection. It alarms me when I think of the fact that I have taken the office of a Min. of Christ. I do not enter into the spirit of my calling. This long delay, and indication of its doubt ^{being} whether I shall ever reach ~~And~~ has caused me to inquire whether I have not run before being called, but upon examination I still hope not. ~~Nothing~~ I ever did is without imperfections even in my own sight. The best

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of my aspirations and designs seem
 defatig on examination. O. God
 help me feel and act better. I do
 pray that the ~~good~~ designed by this
 discipline may be realized. I'll have
 retired. The Cabin Boy just now came
 wringing through the watery deck &
 crept into his berth. The wind whis-
 tles through the ropes overhead and
 howls all around. Heavy seas ~~the~~
 bounce up the sides and roll over
 the Cabin and onto the deck every
 joint seems to creak and groan
 and whole ship trembles like an
 aspen. I sit upon a cushion
 on the floor my lymph tied to
 the table my book upon my
 knee and thus I write, often stop-
 ing to attend to something else or
 to regain my place near the
 light. How loudly God speaks
 to me this night let me here
 understand and remember. Today
 I finished reading the Johns Geology
 and have read some in the first
 vol of Hoenes Introduction to the Bi-

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6 Thurs. night. Sat. about $+40^{\circ} 20'$ and
9 Long. unknown perhaps 56

just after I ceased writing last night
the storm greatly increased. The whole
deck at times was full of water up
to near the top of the bulwarks.
The Stove of the Cabin at one time
was capsized and at the same instant
most of the baggage on one side of the
outer Cabin and the table standing in
the centre broke their lashings and
dropped against the Berths on the op-
posite side, breaking off the front
part of the Captain's and my berth
and then settling back in a great
heap upon the floor. Little George
D. was thrown from behind his
mother in the berth, and was tossed
out of the State Room into ber. B's
in the opposite side. The storm
continued till 2 O. and then began
to subside by morning the sea was
tolerably calm. About 3 O. this morn-
ing we began to bear S.E. and have
been going slowly in that direction
ever since. Now the vessel

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goes leisurely along, like some huge animal wearied, and returning from the fight. The sails hang loosely ^{down} and flop about in the air, while ~~the vessel~~ suffers itself to be turned about by the evening waves.

Last night after fastening in some sort the baggage stove &c. I laid down and soon slept for I was much exhausted, having slept but little night before and having been busy all night till that hour. I now record with gratitude to God ~~our~~ preservation. Today I have done nothing by way of study.

7 Friday night ~~Lat~~ Today at noon
 10 our position was Lat $38^{\circ}-58'$ Lon. $50^{\circ}-33'$. We have had little wind and have made little progress. But since sunset a brisk breeze has sprung up from the E. and moves us along rapidly South by East. The Sea is smooth and the wind steady so that our Bark rides quite easy. I have

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not done much studying today.

Lat $37^{\circ} 25'$ Lon. $50^{\circ} 20'$

8th Sat night. No Observation today

11 Have Sailed Slowly South Eastwardly direction since Sat evening. The latter part of last night and most of today have been very rainy. It is now tolerably clear and cool. Too cool for comfort without a stove in the Cabin, and as we have not put ours up since the storm we have been a little uncomfortable during the day. -- We have now been on board two weeks - the time to me seems short. Nothing unusual has occurred today.

9th Sund night. Lat. $35^{\circ} 55'$ Lon. $46^{\circ} 19'$

12 We advanced rapidly today. The wind has been strong and in a favorable direction ever since 6 O'Clock last evening. We have advanced at the rate of 12 miles an hour. The wind being from the North is quite cold, so as to render us rather uncomfortable. Rev. Thompson preached this forenoon at 10¹/₂ - Some of

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The crew were present. Afternoon
at 3 we had a Prayer Meeting.
We distributed Tracts among the
Sailors

10th Mond. night. Lat. $34^{\circ} 10'$ Lon.

¹³ $42^{\circ} 34'$. We sailed at a rapid rate
all last night and till noon today
but since noon we have gone but
slowly. ~~The~~ The wind is not now fa-
vorable. We "tacked" about a little
after sunset and are now going
Northward waiting fair wind.

We have had a general overhauling
of the fresh vegetables. We on board
sorting and repacking in order to
preserve them. Nothing unusual. Still
rather cold.

11th Tues. night. set noon Lat $34^{\circ} 11'$

14 Lon. $41^{\circ} 26'$. Have not progressed
so rapidly today—but are now
going at a good rate. Raining this
evening—quite cloudy and strong wind
from the N. E. Read ~~in~~ Cummings
five years in Africa.

12th Wed night. Our Place at noon was

¹⁵ Lat. $33^{\circ} 55'$ Lon. $36^{\circ} 53'$. Strong

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wind all last night and today till near night, when it for a short time slacked but is now quite strong again. It has been uncomfortably cool all day - nothing unusual occurred. I read considerable. Finished 1st vol. of Cummings in S. Africa. Read some this evening in "Doddridge's Life and Prayers".

12th Thurs. night Place at noon Sat.

16 31° 52' Lon. 35° 15'. We continue to sail South by E. at a good rate.

This afternoon we saw a vessel, which the Capt. was about 8^{ms} distant. It was N. W. and had probably come from Gibaltar. Considerable amount of Sea-weed is seen on the surface here. Commenced reading French on the Miracles. It seems to be an excellent work.

14th Frid. night. No observation today

17 Slow Sailing - Have turned about twice and gone Northward because the wind bore us too far West. The air is cold and damp. Most of our company as well as some of the crew

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complain of being unwell. I have felt badly all day. Soreness of throat and breast and heaviness in the head - general Sanguine.
 15th Sat night. Place at noon - Lat. $18^{\circ} 30' 06''$ Long. $32^{\circ} 55'$. We are not making much headway, as there is but little wind what we have is from the South. Did not rest well last night, felt quite sick this morning but now feel as well as usual.

16th Sund. night. We have had a very pleasant day. The sea being smooth and the wind moderate and warm it was pleasant to sit out and read. Although we have advanced but little on our course I feel quite contented. We saw this afternoon a ship some miles to our right but we seem to outpace her and at sundown were nearly out of sight. Two or three Porpoises leaped up near the side of the vessel this evening, but I could only get a glimpse of them. We had meeting at half past eleven. I preached

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from Luke 12. 40 "Be ye therefore ready also". Read afternoon in French on "the Miracles". We had prayer-meeting tonight. Place at noon. Lat $31^{\circ} 16'$ Lon. $31^{\circ} 23'$.

17th Mond. night. Place at noon Lat. $29^{\circ} 32'$ Lon. $28^{\circ} 46'$. The wind still continues unfavorable-coming from the S. E. and taking us in a northeasterly course. We are getting farther from our destination, but hope that the wind will change before long. The weather is very fine. Read some in French on the Miracles.

18 Tues. night. Place at noon Lat $33^{\circ} 15'$ Lon. $27^{\circ} 47'$ A cold wind from the S. E.

Keeping us tugging to and fro in nearly the same track - as it seems to change every time we "tack". Did not read much.

19th Wed. night - Moon - Lat $33^{\circ} 00'$ Lon.

$22^{\circ} 27' 10''$ We are now farther from Sierra Leone than we were four days ago. This seems discouraging but perhaps we shall have a change of wind soon. There are now three

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vessels in sight One less than
one mile One about 5 miles &
the third about 15 miles distant
The two nearer us seem on
their way to the Straits of Gibraltar.
The wind continues from the
S. E. and is quite cold.

20 Thurs. night Place at noon Lat 33°

23 ~~48~~ 48 Lon. $27^{\circ} 12'$ at Ship in
sight most of the day - near this
evening.

21 Frid. night. Left night at 8 O.

24 We tacked and since we have been
sailing in a S. W. direction. Lat
at noon was $32^{\circ} 38'$ Lon. $24^{\circ} 53'$
We are now moving nearly South
and at a rapid rate. I hope our
progress may be better than it has
for the past week. We saw, this
morning, some Porpoises but not
near us. The wind is quite strong
and cool. Thick clouds - sea some
what rough.

22 Sat. night. We at last have
25 a pretty fair wind - We now sail
nearly South. The wind is strong

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and bears us on speedily. At noon we were in Lat. $30^{\circ} 10'$ Lon. $25^{\circ} 25'$. The Sea is somewhat rough as the wind has blown briskly for the last 24 hours. Have finished reading French on the Miracles, & have commenced the second vol. of Hoernes Introduction, which I was prevented from studying at College. I feel very much my need of a better acquaintance with the Scriptures.

23rd Sund night. Strong Easterly wind

26 Sea a little rough. Sat $26^{\circ} 54'$ Lon.

$24^{\circ} 50'$. Bro. J. Reached forenoon ~~Reign~~ meeting at night

24th Mond night. Sat. at noon was in

27 $24^{\circ} 14'$ Lon. $24^{\circ} 08'$ The wind is still brisk and from the S. E. We have had a very pleasant day. Our whole company are pretty well. I have read considerable, in the 2nd vol. of Hoernes Int. to the Holy Script. I feel well more like studying than usual. am trying to limit or lessen the quantity of food I eat - thinking it safer in the change of climate.

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25th Tues. night. We have had another
28 day of fine wind, and have rapidly pro-
gressed towards our destination. The day
has been clear and comfortable. The night
now is beautiful. We were all out on
deck an hour after sunset. Our place
at noon was Lat. $21^{\circ} 06'$ Lon. $22^{\circ} 30'$. Nothing unusual occurred today.

26th Wed. night. The winds still favor
29 us. By observation at noon we were
in Lat. $18^{\circ} 09'$ Lon. $21^{\circ} 15'$. This
evening we saw about three miles
to the Westward, a large vessel, appar-
ently a Whaler, about the time we
came directly east of it it tacked and
put to the east. Many flying fish
were about the vessel this forenoon.
We are now between the Cape Verde
Is. and the Western Coast but out
of sight of both.

27 Thurs. night. The wind since noon
30 has been very slight so that we have
not advanced much. Now the sails
lop about as the vessel rolls slightly
on the gentle swells of the sea.

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our place at noon was Lat $15^{\circ} 29'$
Lon. $20^{\circ} 24'$ Soon after dinner today
a large school of Porpoises came about
the prow of the vessel. The Capt. attempted
to harpoon one but was not success-
ful. I had a pretty fair sight of several
of them some were as much as four
feet long, shaped much like a fish
28th warm, calm beautiful day, but
31 not favorable to speed. Very little wind
till 8 O. this evening when a smart
breeze sprang up and now wafts us
speedily but gently on. Place at noon
Lat $14^{\circ} 07'$ Lon. $19^{\circ} 45'$

29th Sat. night - Lat. $11^{\circ} 55'$ Lon. 18°
(32) $12'$ This has been a pleasant day altho.
a little rainy in the morning. We have
had a favorable breeze which continues yet
an immense number of flying fish start-
ted up near the side of the vessel a little
after dinner. Note part of the day.

30th Sunday night. We now glide forward
at the rate of 10 miles per hour. Position
at noon. Lat $9^{\circ} 47'$ Lon. $16^{\circ} 19'$ We have
had a pleasant day. The atmosphere is mild.
though it seems rather damp. It has been

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cloudy most of the day and this morning and during the after part of last night there was considerable rain. Why we should have rain so near the Western coast during the Dry Season I cannot tell unless the Dry Season does not ~~occur~~ ^{occur} ~~simultaneously~~ ^{on land and Ocean}. This morning we sounded and found the water 35 Fathoms deep and this evening by another trial it was 30 Fathoms. Great numbers of small fishes were seen near the vessel on the top of his water; also many porpoises.

31st Mond. night. Off the Coast of Africa in sight of Beaton. We came down to this place about dark, and as the Capt is not acquainted with the Harbor he thought best to anchor till morning. The water is about 7 Fathoms deep. This morning we saw a very strange bird flying about the ship. Its body was about the size of an American Cat. Bird ~~and~~ very ~~much~~ ^{resembled} it. Its color black. Its peculiarity was in its wings which appeared double the part next to the body was about a proportionate size then at the point of the wing a large

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Black Stem extended back about eight or ten inches without any down or feathers then about 3 or four inches filled thickly with long light branches. - A British Steamer expected us going North this afternoon, but did not come near us. This evening we saw as many as 20 Small open Boats with two sails on each going Northward, they natives probably going out to fish. None of them came close to us.

Feb. 1st 1853 Night in Sierra Leone Harbor. - Today about 10 O. we came up to this town, but we were met by bro. Telft two or three miles below. The launch seen and repel and came out to meet us. Soon after we anchored some of us went with him on shore. Brother Thompson Buxton and Cole went with bro Telft to see a boarding house at which we were to stay for at least a few days. I went with the Capt. first to the Office of his Cousin Hiddle, then to the Secretary's Office and then to ~~the~~ the Custom House, after which we went to the vessel in company with the others who had come with us ashore.

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to the vessel and took dinner, and then returned to town taking some of our baggage with us to the Boarding house. This evening at Sun-set the Dr. and I came on board where we intend to sleep and board as long as both the Capt. and we shall remain here. At the boarding house we have to pay six Dollars a week for board, and we can live much cheaper & about as comfortable here as there.

I cannot now attempt a description of the place. But I can say that it appears to me much more strange than I supposed any part of earth could appear to me. It is beautiful romantic - and altogether new to me.

Bro. Jeff. brought us some Pine Apples Bananas & Oranges all of which were truly delicious, especially the Bananas. The prospects in regard to the Mission are very dark. War has again overrun the country and shut us out probably from our anticipated Stations. I feel very anxious to know how this is.

Feb. 2nd On board in Harbor.

Have done nothing but talk some about the best plan to pursue.

The brethren Thompson, Jefft, Cole and I expect to start tomorrow for the

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3rd Thurs. Having been ^{invited} by the Governor of the Colony, our whole company went to his mansion at 9 A. and took breakfast with him. The

Bishop of the Colony ^{with his lady} were also there.

We were treated with great kindness by all. The Gov. Mr. Hounnary is a

frank and plain man. His conduct

since his administration has been

such as to inspire all lovers of order with high hopes about 1 O. P. M.

Jefft Cole & I had the rest of the

company good bye and went to the Muetha Black where our

Mission Boat or Canoe met us

and about 3 O. we started for the mission. Sailed till about

10 O. when we cast anchor till near

morning.

4th Fri. The had not much wind

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during the morning. At 4th we arrived at the town of York and called on the Epis. Missionary, ~~Mr.~~ Rev. Ohmann, a German by-whom we were most kindly received, and his wife, a most kind woman, soon prepared us Breakfast. We set sail again about 12, or sooner, and soon passed the Banana Is. which has some pretty high points. It is about 8 miles long and from 2 to three wide. We are now in sight of the Plantain Islands, sailing at the rate of 6 miles per hour.

5th Sat. We boarded Canoe all of Friday night. Came to York Is. about 8 O in the morning and procured a Canoe and four boys, from the Headman Anderson, to take us to Mr. Nathans an Englishman living on Sherbro Is. We left our men and ^{large} Canoe at York Is. and went to Mr. Nathans factory where we met a great number of armed men who had been called out to defend the place if an attack should

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be made by any of the Kings who have lately been causing trouble. There was a great stir of war. We came back to York Is. and about noon set sail for the Mission. We arrived here just after sunset found all well as many as 50 little boys and girls and a considerable number of grown persons met us at the landing. I went ashore ~~fast~~ hastily but before I reached it many were in the water about the head of the canoe reaching forth their hands of welcome. I shook hands with all. Sometimes having several hands in each of mine. They seemed exceedingly rejoiced to see us. And we were glad to reach at last the place of our destination. The scenery along the river is truly grand. The Mangrove tree with its thousand roots spreading apart and fastening to the ground, and its dense foliage line both banks. Monkeys & Parrots chatter and play about in its branches, and huge ^{Collegators} Crocodiles lie ~~about~~ about its broad base.

6 Sund. Met in the Chapel at 10¹

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forenoon in the fore public ~~see~~ worship
I then preached my first Sermon on
heathen Soil. I was obliged to use an in-
terpreter which makes it more difficult
to speak with interest. My text was
Ex 14. 15 Speak unto the children of Israel
that they go forward. In the afternoon
we met again and had communion
Bro. Kfft preached. This evening Bro. Cole
preached but did not use an interpreter
Here then is the end of my first Sunday
in a heathen land. My feelings have
been much wrought upon by what I
saw and heard today. While in the hum-
ble place of worship I could now and
then hear the hoarse sounds of the War-
horn in ~~a~~ village not far distant
"The war" has destroyed most of the
towns on the Big Boom, and is still
going on. I do not feel that deep
compassion for this people that their
condition demands. God only can
help me feel and act rightly. This
is a beautiful situation and I cannot
see why it will not become heathen
after the parents are a little more civilized.

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Feb. Mond. night. Today much of the forenoon was spent with a palabe with an old mahomedan. The afternoon in a trip up the country about 10 miles to see a place for a mission. We went about 2 miles by fire boat then landed and sent the boys round with the boat while we walked across the country ~~to~~ town where the boat was to meet us. The town was forsaken by the inhabitants in consequence of the war. On ~~the~~ Idol remained. We soon took boat and rowed past some deserted towns through thick grass in the river at places till we had advanced 5 miles farther then we landed and walked 3 miles through thick woods or old farms, past forsaken towns and gardens till we came to Camballo the place where we were going here were a few natives - fearful but we came up to them and talked. The place is rough and appears well. Coming home we saw two deer beautiful animals - handsome limbs & spotted like a leopard on the sides.

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- 8 Writing letters and consulting about our work
- 9 Writing letters - trying to get our Locality by observation but failed because my instrument would not measure so great an arc, as is required to get the suns altitude at noon using an artificial horizon. Bro Cole and Jefft started to Prescott. I sent 1 Letter to Susan, 1 to J. R. Miller 1 to Prof Seih 1 to Wm. Shaenen and one to Ira Crawford. Evening wrote part of a letter to bro Mar Rogers
- 10 Worked forenoon at a Break to prepare tin for covering the Miss. House. Evening Went to see Mr. Kalifer a Native King living 2 miles S. W. of the Miss. Had a pleasant interview.
- 11 Wed. Working at Break R. needed in putting roof on the Piazza and prepared some tin for nailing on. Wrote part of a letter to bro W. R. Smith.
- 12 Sat. Today wrote a letter for Suther an Observer, worked a little. This evening attended Clap meeting in the Chapel and was encouraged by what

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I Saw & heard.

13 Sund. another Sabbath is passed & I am still preserved from disease and death, and have been permitted once more to preach to these poor & ignorant people. This forenoon I preached from Gal. 6. 7-8 I tried to illustrate the truth by reference to their own manner of sowing and reaping - planting & gathering - Wm. B. Tucker interpreted, and I think my meaning was generally understood - It is a privilege to be thus employed - After noon attended S. S. & taught a class of boys, who gave good attention and seemed interested in the lesson. They are better acquainted with the Scripture than I had supposed. This evening we bro. Brooks preached on the duty of labor & we had a good meeting.

While sitting here alone in the room I occasionally hear the discharge of muskets which I suppose are fired by the people of Bama, a town about 2 miles distant and are because of some ~~new~~ ^{recent} war news - perhaps some victory of their side

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14th Mond. Have spent the day in working at the Piazza Roof and writing. There is much excitement here about the War. It has been reported that the people South of the Big Boom, have come to this Side and are advancing to this place. Bimba the old man that Hissacummer had sent here to turn away the war of their Side from the Mission, pretended to be afraid and wanted to be sent away. Mr. Grey dismissed him and let him go. Many of the people have gone to the "bush" to sleep. The School Boys were much alarmed and sent one to ask what they should do if the War should come in the night. Whether they should stay in their houses, run to the woods or come to the Mission house. Bro. B. & I met them at the Chapel and talked to them a long time, to dissipate their fear & told them to stay ⁱⁿ at their own

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hours until the war men broke into them if they came and then to come to our house. They seemed satisfied and we left them.

This an annoying affair. Constant reports keep our people in constant fear and confusion. May God hasten the day of peace.

15th Working at roof of Piazza. Commenced hearing a Clap of boys in Philosophy and Grammar.

16th Rose early in the morning and walked out, when I heard much loud talk and, saw some persons run to the upper part of town. On inquiry I found that the war people had come from the other side South of the Boom, had attacked Biama, with the design of destroying it and then coming to lay waste the mission, and take all the missionaries to Barga John on the other side as he had given such orders. They were repulsed with loss and pursues during the first part of the day, and some forty of them killed in all. The whole

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town has been in perfect confusion all day this morning we could not get the men to commence work. I went to them & persuaded them to come and help us. They came with much reluctance and seemed to be too much disheartened to labor. The cause of their fear was that a great number of the men who had attacked Biama, had run to the woods on this side of B. and were hidden there, and probably make an attack on the mission. Two men were caught near us in the evening and more were seen. About 8 O in the morning, the reinforcements commenced coming from Mungray on the North to Biama on the South of us. They were in great glee, whooping ~~and~~ blowing horns and talking loudly all the time. They continued till noon, and after that began to collect about the mission. About 1 O. when I was hearing my class

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recite I heard the come in the other direction, and after getting through the house I went out in the front yard where the whole company had collected. It was one of the most affecting sights I ever beheld. The whole company numbering more than 50 were taking one prisoner that they had ~~taken~~ ^{captured}, to Higriumma the King, and had stopped in the yard before our house, to lay something as demand it as "cooking for the war, a custom of the country. The prisoner was a young man or boy and was tied with a rope around his neck and his right hand tied up close to his neck by the same rope, which then extended some feet and was held by one of the company. The others were rejoicing around him, and expected we would do the same, but we told them, that were sorry to hear at all of war and could not be glad that they had killed so many men even if they did wish us evil. They wanted us to give them

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Something we told them that we were no war men and could do nothing to support war. That we wished them to know that we were friendly to them as men but not as war-
rivers. We gave them a small piece of white cotton to show that we were not offended and for them to give the word that we had spoken to them, to the king, they went away very silently. This evening another company of about the same number came from Piama bearing on their shoulders in turn, the man who had been beavert the night before and who was variously decorated and had round his waist a string of bells. The whole company were yelling and laughing and hugging as loudly as they could, beating on drums and occasionally firing a musket. They rushed right into our yard and commenced dancing and brandishing their swords in a peaceful manner. They recounted the deeds they had done and made many strange

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motions with their heads and hands we did not go out till they sent for us, and then, when they told us how successful they had expected that we would join them in their rejoicing, we told them that we were much grieved at their conduct in the past.

That as our friends and as men we were glad to see them, but not in the manner they appeared. The leader among them seemed astonished telling us that, if they had not conquered the other party would have destroyed the mission and taken us prisoners. We told them that we should be sorry to see the mission destroyed and ourselves to be taken prisoner but that we would leave all that to God. They too expected large gifts from us but we gave them a small piece of white cotton as we did the others and told them we would go to see the king tomorrow, and talk about this matter of their customs in the mission premises.

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17th Another day has passed. A day of sad scenes and deep anxiety. Bev. Brooks and I went early this morning to Biama and had a talk with Kalipa about the affairs of yesterday. He said we did right. We requested permission to bury the dead men lying in the woods around but this he would not allow, although he said it would be right and safe in regard to health but as the custom of the country required that they be left unburied he could not grant our request lest his own town would be taken for it.

One poor prisoner sat on the ground bound tightly in chains near where we were. And soon a party returned with another, wounded with a cutlass, and they said they had still another but we did not see him. As soon as the one who was wounded was brought in they commenced trying him to kill him. We told the king that we ~~have~~ could not witness such

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Scenes and therefore we should leave
and we bade him farewell.

Wrote a letter to Susan.

This evening Bima came from Mon-
gray with another man and after
stating that he had a Palaver with
the mpim left the man with
us and went to Bima saying
that he would return in the morn-
ing. Rumor of war increases. All
the people here are ready to run away.
Our teachers head carpenter and Miller
and one interpreter all intend to leave
for Sierra Leone tonight or early
in the morning. Settled to the school

18 Frid. Commenced teaching in the
School as our teachers left for Bra-
town early this morning. We were
visited by Diallo and a man sent
by Hippicummi. They wanted the
rent for the mpim ground but
we told them we could do nothing
till the rest of our company came.

19 Sat. Teaching some Working at home
Evening Bro. Cole Whites Aldrich
McGuire & Sexton came.

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- 20th Sund. Preached in the morning
taught in Sunday S. afternoon
and attended meeting while Bro.
Brooks preached at night.
- 21st Mond. Wrote some prepared to start
for Ereetown - and started about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
O at night
- 22 Preached Bendor early in the morn-
ing inquired for Mr. Walker and finding
that he has gone to the Brit. Man of
War lying in the river I went there in
our canoe. But learned that he, Mr.
Nathan and the Commanders of the Man
of War had all gone in small boats
to the Mission. I waited their re-
turn to hear the results of their vis-
it and to see Mr. Walker about get-
ting the Plantain Is. which he owns
for a mission or some other piece
of land near it on the main
land. He told me we could have
either for a trifle. Saw Mr. A
about storing our houses on his prem-
ises and after talking of mission mat-
ters in general. I left the Man of
War about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ at night.

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- 23rd Was on board canoe all day & night. Stopping a few minutes once for water.
- 24 Sailing. Stopped at Plantain R. and looked at it with reference to a Miss. Station. No good water rather low. Otherwise appears well.
- 25 Landed at Sun Rise at Kent and took refreshment with a beloved bro. Missionary Rev. Boulton. Had a pleasant time with him. Landed also at York and had a long consultation with that good bro. Ehemann, and his excellent wife. Their counsel did me ~~much~~ much good.
- 26 Arrived at Free-town a little after Sunrise. Sent letters to Susan, Lath Observer, Bro Lox, Myers, Griffin Cole, Parents, bro Rogers, Smith and Whipple - A little fever.
- 27th Reached in forenoon at for Rev. Mrs. Fletcher, at the Wesleyan and Meth. Chapel at Grassfields Free-town, to a crowded congregation. At night went to hear

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bro. Thompson preach at another
W. M. Chapel.

28 Mond called in the morning
on Rev. Mr. Jones, at the Mission
College, and had a long conversa-
tion with him in regard to the
Mission work. He thinks with
me that Mendocino is
not at a good place. He spoke
of Cape Mount below Gullinas
as an excellent situation, yet
open. Mr. J. received and treat-
ed me with great kindness.

Returned and spent the day
in preparation to start for the
Mission. Bro. T & wife having
concluded to go on a small sloop
we loaded up and went on
board in the evening and waited
till 12 o'clock for the moon, when
we started I in the ~~cargo~~ ^{cargo} &
they in the Schooner. I got
no sleep scarcely that night

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Thurs. arrived at York about

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Noon having considerable fever and head ache, waited till 4 O. when on the advice of bro. E. I started the canoe after bro. T. and I remained.

2 Wed. Felt better than the evening before but not well. Did not stir about much. Examined a little bro. Es. Manuscript Grammatical Sketch of the Sherbro language

3 Thurs. Started about 11 O. A.M. for the mission, having found an opportunity of riding in a boat to Banth on Sherbro R. Stopped at Kent's Station during the night with bro. Boutman, and was received as before with all possible kindness.

4 Friday. Started early and arrived a little before Sun set at this place called Singe & Shinge. It is here spoken of as a good location for a mission. I walked as far around this evening as I could and so far as I have seen like the place. The town however is very small only about 20 houses. I now have a house to myself, and a very fine one too

It seems to be the one occupied
 by the Head Man of the town. A
 2 Clean white Country cloth has been
 spread on the bed for my ~~acc~~
 accommodation, and a bowl with
 Palm Oil and a wick was brought
 for light. Now using my bed
 for a writing table I am well ~~for~~
~~provided~~ provided for. All have now
 ceased their singing & other noise
 & I shall try to sleep. I gave
 the Headman a Cotton Handkerchief
 for his wife, & both he & she were
 well pleased.

5 Sat. Started early from Singee
 but was detained from 10 till
 nearly 2 by the men going
 on shore to cook which they
 should have done the night
 before. We were all the night
 on the Boat, and did not
 reach Bonthe till 5½ in
 the morning, and I felt much
 exhausted and feverish. Retired
 and slept very little.

6 Walked out in the adjoining woods

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a little after sunrise, and by thus exercising moderately felt better. Put on it 10½ C in the Barry to a number of people who live there & who can speak Eng. a little. They gave good attention.

In the afternoon I went to Bendoo about 4 miles off and preached to a small congregation composed of those who went with me, and Mr. Calker the King of Bendoo & others of the Headmen of the place. I attempted to show them that their only hope is to establish Religious and literary Institutions & I had the satisfaction of knowing that they in general understood me, as we had a long conversation with on the subject afterwards. We who went over from Buntine to Bendoo took supper with Mr. Calker and returned to Buntine by 8 P. at night. They seemed anxious to have me stay among them, and Mr. Calker said I might have a location any

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where in his country to establish a mission, and that he would favor it all he could.

I am now strongly inclined to go and labor among them for a while, but feel reluctant to do so because of the prevalence of Drunkenness among them, which has been introduced and is still sustained by Traders and Settlers at Sierra Leone. If I should go it would be only to test the place at first and not at once to settle & build among them.

7 Mond. Left Bonthe about 11. A. M. arrived at the mission late in the evening, found all well. Slept but little during the night.

8 Waited all day to have a meeting to see what would be done, but have not been able to get the brethren to pay attention to my request. I shall in all probability make short work of my connection with the mission, as I am convinced that

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I can be more useful elsewhere. First the location of this mission is very bad. Far from our place of landing in an unhealthy ~~part~~ part of the country and where there are few inhabitants except a Moham-
medan town on the N. E. S. of it, over ^{whose} ~~at~~ ^{inhabitants} ~~border~~ it is almost hope-
less to exert any influence.

Second the premise of a land-
Rent in the founding of the
mission has led to constant dis-
pute among the surrounding chiefs
and annoyance to the missionaries.
In the third place, the want of Sys-
tem in the mission is such that
unless a change is made and some
way for our large company to
be employed more profitably, there
will be no results commensurate
with the time and money ex-
pended.

7 Bury all day, working at the
Roof of the house - felt well.

10. Waited all day to have a meeting
called so as to know whether I

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2 might go to Sherbro and preach a while waiting for some opening, and be ready to join the company as soon as they would be ready to open a new station. ~~There was~~ No meeting was called and I went to bed with a heavy heart.

The School now numbers 79 on the roll but not more than 70 or 65 in attendance.

There are about 25 dwellings in the town, but some are unoccupied. The number of inhabitants besides the Missionaries & Scholars is not one hundred.

The Missionaries are Messrs. Thompson, Grey, Cole & Jeff (who is now at Freetown but will be here in a few weeks perhaps in a few days) and Mrs. Thompson, Miss Moore, Miss Aldrich, Miss McGwire & Miss Saxton. In all 9 persons.

Now in view of the smallness of the town & the number of Missionaries to operate in it I have thought that I am not needed here, and

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as I have an opportunity of preaching in the Sherbro country, & can after I have stored our house, they earn my board with the Church Mission, I have thought best to leave the mission and go elsewhere till I ~~can~~ am needed at some new station.

I presented this matter when I came here, but received so little attention that I was much grieved & have expressed my displeasure with the course. This has caused some hard feeling among the others, & now I feel afraid to move lest I go wrong. I am not convinced that it is my duty to remain here unless I can study the language, & this I cannot do unless I have an interpreter, and the only good one here is engaged in the School. I have expressed my willingness however, to go into the School if I can remain there, but this condition has not been ascertained to.

11 Eldon had a meeting with the

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2 brethren & sisters, at which I was appointed to go into the Sherbro region & preach in several places to see what opening there might be for a station. Would have left immediately but waited till Mond. morning for bro. Thompson who is to go with me as far as Bonthe.

12 Sat was employed in doing several small jobs of work about the house. We were visited by Kalifa Bimba and one other to have several Palavers, but I did not go to listen to them as it is unpleasant to me & in those cases could do no good.

13 Sund. Heard bro. Thompson preach in forenoon, taught in Sunday S. at 11 - went with bro. Thompson to Littleton & where he preached at 4 and I preached here at night. Miss Saxton & Miss Aldrich are both quite sick.

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14 Mond. In School during the forenoon I was trying to study at the Mendi language. As Miss Aldrich who was in school is now sick they have requested me to take charge of the School. As rather no other one seemed at all concerned about it this morning I thus I was obliged to go, although on Friday it was determined that I should leave for the Hebrs. I do not know what would be best for me to do. If I stay here my time will be so taken up that I can do nothing at the language. Yet they are unwilling to let me go to York and take an interpreter with me at that place. The cost of Boarding would be but a trifle more than here. I could have much greater convenience to study. I could send great quantities to the cause.

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15 Tues. Today have been very busy teaching & studying. Wm was sick & I was obliged to teach his classes.

I requested the rest to let me start this morning for Zissana where bro. Brooks is but they refused. My reason for wishing to go was that up there I could have a good interpreter and would not be much interrupted in my studies. Here I can have but a little time to devote to the languages and after being in the school from 6 to 1 A. I feel fatigued.

16 Wed. Teaching and studying a little but could not get any interpreter to sit with me any length of time; so that I have done but little. Before breakfast this morning the two chiefs Shebo & Halipa came to see about the rent for the mission ground. Tucker being driven from the country there

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who are now here claim the rent which was originally to be paid to Tucker. I have all along been opposed to paying them one cent but today they some way succeeded in getting three hundred dollars in Goods from the Mission being one hundred a year for the last three years. I was not along when they had the Palaver nor did I give consent to paying them. Last evening I expressed plainly my opinion about this affair and what I said was not well received and therefore I did not wish to say more. Besides I was not asked to go to the meeting till the Goods had been promised and part one half, carried out to the Chiefs.

The Transactions of this day have increased my anxiety to disconnect myself from this Mission and act as I shall think best. This Station has been badly handled from the first & as it

Much
in an unhealthy ~~place~~ place I can
not with any zest enter into
its operations. I shall leave soon
perhaps tomorrow.

17th Thurs. Taught in the School
till 1 O. - then according to ap-
pointment left for the Sherbro
country, and arrived at Bont
about 11 at night.

18th Frid. Started in the morn-
ing with Mr. Taylor to look
at some places mentioned to me
before as suitable for mission
stations we land several times
as we went South along the
coast. The farthest point to which
we went is Debea the place at
which the Liberia Colony was
at one time settled. It is a high
bank and clear of timber being
an extensive Grass Field. There
is now no town immediately
at the place but there is a few
native houses a little distance
South.

One place only about 3

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miles from ~~here~~ here - Called Keo-
town Sometimes No longer I like
" pretty well. The bank is high
and the land seems to continue
me at the same height a con-
siderable distance back. We came
back here late in the afternoon
and I walked about the place
a little in the evening. At one
place a little distance back I
saw several women boiling
Salt. They Scrape up the sand
where the tide washes over it
~~the~~ drain it in a hopper and
then take the water produced
from it and bail it down
to salt. The salt is tolerably
white & apparently good.

19 Sats have been walking &
talking with the people all
day. About 10 A. I started
and walked back on the B.
about 2 ms. Passing several places
where the natives get water
- Graping many low places which
are covered with grass - and some

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~~and~~ little farms. The Soil on the higher places is good and is covered thickly with bushes. No large trees. On my return I came to an Idol at which some persons had been. It was a Bug & bug hill, and there was a quantity of cooked Rice placed before it on some fresh leaves. The Rice was covered with Palm Oil. A pole about 8 ft long was erected by it and a narrow strip of white muslin fastened to the top.

When I came back some of the Chiefs had arrived on their way to Freetown to the peace meeting called by the Gov.

The Slave Trade from Cairns was with them as a Prisoner to be delivered into the hands of the Gov. of Sierra Leone.

20 Sund. Preached in the Morning at 10 O. in the Burre at this place (Bont) and at Mr. J. Taylors in the afternoon at

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30. Did not rest well at night and felt quite unwell.
- 21st Mond Felt weak and sick in the morning but better before noon walked a considerable distance into the Bush to see the country. Two smart Showers of rain today. Have thought much about what plan to pursue.
- 22 Went to the ^{mijnun} from Bont and found all pretty well Miss Aldrich & Miss. Eaton were recovering rapidly from the fever. Received a letter from Mr. Brooks & wrote a reply in which I told him I did not believe we should be able soon to settle permanently in the interior and therefore thought it best for us to do more in the coast.
- 23 Came back to Bont with a boat and Canoe, the Canoe was to be sent on to Freetown. We arrived at 9 in the evening.
- 24 Thurs. Spent all forenoon in getting the canoe ready ~~for~~ to start for town & in writing to Mr. Chennam

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V. br. Grey. afternoon Read a little Night Gave some explanations of astronomy, with a small Globe, to a few Traders & Blacks here they seemed much pleased.
 25th Being Good Friday, & a Holyday among the Eng. I found the people here inclined to observe it & I encouraged it so as to have an opportunity to preach. About 10. I preached from Luke 23. 42. Not a great many attended as they many continued their work.

The Eng. Flag was hoisted in the morning and soon after a Gallows in which was hung a mans clothing stuffed with shavings to represent Judas. Soon after ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} Image was violently knocked down with sticks pounded and dragged about and then thrown into some by place to show the contempt of those who did this, for Judas the Traitor. It was all done by Boys but was planned by others who seemed to take delight in seeing

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it. There are many things here to shock the feelings, but the state of things is ^{no} worse than might be expected, and besides it cannot be changed except some persons come & labor to do it.

26 Sat. Prepared to preach during the forenoon & read in afternoon also walked some distance back on the Island. Had many thoughts of home and my wife

27 Sund. Preached in the forenoon from Mark 16. 6 "He is risen" The people were attentive and seemed to be impressed, but their impressions are very soon lost when they again mingle ^{with others} away from the place. I went to my room with a sad heart as I thought of the almost hopeless condition of these people. In a short time one came in and asked such questions about "what degrades a mind" and how it can be purified as to convince me that he was troubled by the truth. In the afternoon I had

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Sunday School, but the attendance was small owing chiefly I think, to the notion prevalent here that it is a place for Children Boys & Girls only. It was difficult too to keep proper order, as some who supposed they knew more than the rest were too officious. ^{they were always} It will be difficult to conduct S. S. here but if it can be carried on will be very useful. None of the Children here can read in the Bible.

28th Mond. In the forenoon Mr. Nathan's Boat arrived here bearing the news that the Schooner Elisabeth, ^{on which ~~was~~ one hour} had come to Greetown, and ~~requesting~~. I started soon after to the Mission for Canoes to carry our Boxes of Clothing, Provisions &c. up the river from this place (Pont). On reaching the Mission I found ~~that~~ Dr Cole very sick with fever. It was late when I arrived & I slept but very little during the night. 29 Tues. Left the Mission about

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noon for Boat, and arrived here at 8 O at night. Felt tired & yet restless and feverish.

30th Wed. About 11 A.M. The Schooner arrived with bro. & sist. Burton on board. I was glad to see them. We had no Boat to send them on to the mission & they stayed with me all night - We had a long talk during the evening in which I stated to them my difficulties with the others at the mission, and they seemed much grieved, but they think as I do in regard to the points ~~that~~ on which the others & I disagreed.

They brought me letters from my dear wife, Mother-in-law - Brother-in-law Bro. Haines Bro. Whipple, Bro. Parker and Mr. Haines. All my friends were well when they wrote. Both they and the Com. write encouragingly & kindly, but when they mention a word about our movements here - their hopes & prayers for us it fills me with grief - not that I do not rejoice to have friends but be-

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cause if I write them the truth
 in regard to the State of things here
 it will cause real sorrow. The bitter
 est disappointment is certainly to
 come upon the members of that
 Committee and all the friends
 of the Association; and it is my
 duty perhaps to say what will
 cause this sorrow. Their expec-
 tations are altogether too high.
 Such statements and representations
 have been made in America as
 to ~~give~~ a very false impression
 in regard to both the Physical
 and Moral condition of this
 country. The Country on the
 Boon and the River itself have
 been spoken of as affording the
 highest natural advantages, while
 much of the country is Swamp
 much timberless and not very
 fertile. The people have been repre-
 sented as ready to receive and pro-
 tect missionaries all over the land
 while the fact is there are few
 places out of the reach of the Men.

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of War, where missionaries can live without being plundered or giving large presents constantly to keep from being robbed. Still there is hope but not such as has been said by some of the members of the Mission. Every time I think of any one of the many friends who look with so much interest on our labors here a sad feeling pervades my very heart. Sometimes I am almost ready to wish I had never come to this coast, but that I cannot say. I rejoice that I have come, but O how I wish I had known the place to which I was coming, and that others to whom I have been caused to misrepresent these things could even now know the true state of the case.

31 Thurs. Have been busy all day.

Bro & Sister B. started in one of the large canoes for the Mission this afternoon. And took a considerable quantity of Goods with them on that and one other canoe.

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We have already taken off the
the Mission Goods & a consider-
able part of the houses. I feel
somewhat fatigued, but as usual.
It is now raining
hard, & Bro. B. & wife are in the
Canoe with no covering but a
quilt spread upon Poles. I fear
the result. This together with
the thoughts of our blighted hopes
and those of so many of our
friends in America causes me
to retire with a heavy heart.

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- 1 Frid. Finished taking the miss-
ion Goods & houses from the
Schooner and landing them here.
Tired and anxious to know what
will be done with the Houses
whether one will be erected here
or at the Plantain Is. at Sing-
gy opposite Plantain, or at
the Mendi Station, or both
kept with the design of putting
them up in the Interior.

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2 Sat. Waiting all day to see Mr. Nathan, so as to know where I shall build sheds for our house material. He has not come I also expected bro. Ziff from Free-town but have been disappointed in this also. Spent part of the day in helping to erect the roof of an Iron house for Mr. Nathan. This morning before I arose I heard a loud howling mournful cry kept up incessantly for an hour or more after I awoke. It was the "Cry for the dead". This is a most ridiculous practice, for it is not generally caused by sorrow in the hearts of those who make it. When the person is dead a number of friends, acquaintances, or strangers, come to the house & set up loud cry, tearing their hair & scratching their bodies in a most foolish manner. During the time these persons remain at the house of the deceased ~~the friends~~ ^{the friends} are to supply them with food & drink

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and if the friends chance to have plenty or can procure it the crying continues for many days but if not it is soon stopped. The cryers are always drunk if any thing can be had that will intoxicate. They dance, sing, & cry, alternately, or all at once as the different persons present may feel disposed. Some fire Guns, especially when the body is about to be buried. Commenced a letter to bro. Harned.

April 3rd Sund. Reached here (Bont) in the forenoon from Matt 5. 11-12 - Theme - Happiness of heaven. There was the largest attendance that I have had here Sunday School in the afternoon. But very few attended. The people do not seem willing to enter into any thing which requires the least application of mind. Especially if it is on any religious topic they are required to think.

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9 Mond. Have felt unwell today owing probably to my getting but little sleep last night. Just after retiring we had a heavy tornado which took off part of the roof from the house in which I slept and then a heavy rain following made the wet and uncomfortable; and the Mosquitoes were so troublesome as to prevent my sleeping.

Wrote part of a letter to bro James and commenced one to bro Whipple. Hunted a while for some men to help me select the different kinds of lumber ~~for the~~ for belonging to the houses & pile each sort by itself but could get none. Afternoon was requested the funeral of a boy, Son of Thos. Taylor a Sierra Leone trader who lives near here, and went as requested. It was a sad sight. The Criers for the dead were present making doleful noises, while many other manifested that want of feeling

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which exists in civilized lands but is concealed by an artful attention to the rules of propriety which these people have not acquired. But the most lamentable of all was the mock of the family relation which I could discern. Mr. Taylor is a man of some education and natural sense and conducts himself well in company, but like all the traders that I have yet seen settled along the coast outside of the Colony, he has several native wives by whom he has children, and one of whom is the mother of this boy. The man, (I cannot say husband) does not so much as think of regarding any one of his wives as his companion and the children he does not so fondly cherish as if they were ^{his} legitimate offspring, but the mother, heathen as she is clings to them with a mother's fondness, even more than if they were by

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one of the native heathen chiefs, ^{and} ~~and~~
their children are more cared for
and more under the influence
of the heathen mother - than of
the so called civilized father.

Hundreds of children and parents
are thus related and situated on
this Island, and thousands along
the Coast.

Mr. Taylor Seemed to feel the
loss considerably but it did not
come home like when a man
has lost his son. The mother, as
I supposed her to be, wrung her
hands, bent over the coffin - fol-
lowed it in that position to the
grave and knelt at the graves
edge weeping and manifesting real
Sorrow of heart.

at the Grave I spoke a few
words on the Shortness and vanity
of life - and the hope of the Resur-
rection - Read part of the 14 Chapt
of Job, prayed and sang a hymn
The body was buried in the middle
of the town, and a small house

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was a rected over the grave also
a mat and clean white country
cloth spread over it. The body will
remain here till the friends from
various parts can come to the place
and if they wish it will be remo-
ved- if not it will remain.

Tonight will be a light time
among them at that place they
commenced firing guns before I left
I now hear the drum the brass
and the ~~Song~~

5 Tues. assisted a little in putting
up the first part of the roof
on Mr Nathan's house. Mr Na-
than, The Commander of the
Steamer Blood Hound, a num-
ber of the Headmen about
Sherbro B. and Bro. Jefft, all
came from Freetown to Bont
In the evening I started in
company with Bro. Jefft for
the Mission.

6 Wed. arrived at the Mission
~~early~~ in the morning I
staid all day- The Sick, Bro.

met the church of Mar
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Cole & Sisters Aldrich, and Sexton were improving

Left the Mission for Bontine to take care of the lumber belonging to the houses - cut timber for Scaffold on the way. - Stopped at York Is. at 10 o. at night where we staid morning

8 Frid. Came to Bont early - Loaded Canoe with Goods & sent it back to the Mission - afternoon commenced packing up Lumber -

9 Sat. Busy all day packing piling up Lumber & Sorting it - I am tired

This morning the word came that the Commander of the Steamer Bloodhound had reached Bama and compelled Halifar to return the Goods given for rent by the mission, and that Halifar entered into agreement to molest the missionaries no more, and return all the prisoners he had in possession

met the crew of the
Boats going to Bama
to receive the rent which
the chief Halifar had

equipped the mission
to May.

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This is as it should be, only that the Rent never should have been paid. The Chief Kalifar is an unprincipled man, and therefore has no regard for justice; so that persons near him can live in peace only when they cause him to fear them or others who are their protectors. He has all along pretended great friendship to the Mispire & to the Colony, while he has been acting most treacherously with both. This may check him & give rest to others.

10 Sund. Reached at Bont from John 7th 37. ~~There~~ in the forenoon and, was invited to go to the Steamer Bloodhound off Oyek B. to perform funeral rites at the burial of the Surgeon of that vessel but was prevented by a rain. The Capt and one other officer were at Bont, but could not leave for the

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- Steamer on account of the rain.
- 11 Mond Bury piling lumber
Mr. P. Men B came to Bont
expecting to take passage on
the Steamer for Freetown, but
as it had left we were obli-
ged to have a canoe to perform
the journey.
- 12 I left Bro. B. at Bont to
finish storing the Lumber
and started for the Mission
to prepare a canoe for the
voyage. I took the last of
the goods which came of the
Schooner along on the canoe
and Mr Nathan accompanied
me. Staid during the night
at the Mission. Those who were
sick, - Bro. Cole & Sisters Aldrich
and Sexton were recovering &
the rest were well.
- 13 Wed. Came to Bont with
the canoe, but had not a
good set of men.
- 14 Thurs. Started for Freetown
about 1 P.M. after trying in

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vain to hire one or two more men to row.

15 Fri. Sailed and rowed all day, & arrived a single late at night

16 Started early for Kent, but after two hours effort were obliged to return on account of strong head winds. We waited till evening and the storm continuing we got a house & put up till Morn

17 Sund. a dull day to be. Dist. B. & myself. Had a meeting in the afternoon but there were not many that could understand Eng. Among the few who were present were a French Slave Trader and Mr. Tuck who was taking the Slave-trader to Georgetown to deliver him to the Governor.

18 Mond Expected to start early but the wind is against us and is so strong that we can

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not go. One canoe left early this morning for Greattown but was obliged to come back to Plantain Is. about 12 mi from here. I have not felt well for two days, am anxious to reach York or Greattown before I take fever.

One object which I had in view in going to the Mission last time was to consult the rest about what I should do during the Rains. Bro Phil. Brewster was anxious to have me accompany them to Greattown and thought I could be as usefully employed there as any where during the Rainy Season. I got no advice from the others at the Mission. I am on my way however to Greattown where I shall probably stay some months unless some other opening of usefulness should appear. I feel sad.

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- 19th Tues. Started from Singee in the morning and reached Kent at 2 O'Clock next morning
- 20 Wed. Staid all day at Kent because of Storm
- 21st Started from Kent early arrived at York about 10 - left York for Freetown in the evening
- 22 Arrived here early in the morning Did nothing Scarcely all day
- 23rd Wrote a letter to Susan one to my parents & finished one before begun to bro. Haened, Sent all to New-York on The Brig Monica
- 24th Sund. Forenoon attended meeting at the African Methodist Church. Evening preached in the Baptist Church from 1 Cor. 3. 21, 22, 23.
- 25th Mond at Freetown - Went to see a Steam-boat put into the River between Freetown & Fissy. think it sufficient to propel a Saw-Mill The Scenery is grand along the River
- 26 Tues. At Freetown

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27th Wed. nothing Special
28 Thurs. Called on the Secretary
of the Col and received Statistics
in regard to the Colony.

Number of Inhabitants 46,000

" Communeants 22,000

Church Miss. Soc. 7,600

Westleyan Methodist 9,500

West Af. Methodist 2,400

Sady Huntington 2,000

Baptists 700

No. of Inhabitants 10 years ago 41,800

" " " 5 " " 45,320

" " " 2 " " 44,501

No of Slaves annually released

" Churches 67

Episcopal 14

West African Methodist 13

Westleyan Methodist 32

Sady Huntington Soc. 8

Baptist 2

29 Frid. Rev. Mr. Best of the
Gaboon Mission & Rev. Wm
Presbyterian Miss. in Liberia
Came and we called on them and
had a pleasant time

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30 Sat. Spent considerable part of the day in company with the brethren Wilson & Bert.

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1st Sund. attended Meeting at the Lady Huntingdon Chapel in the morning - I. S. at the same place in the afternoon - and preached there at night. These people are anxious to have me labor among them & feel somewhat inclined to do it.

2 Not particularly employed spent some time with Mr. Elliot one of the principal members of the S. W. Connection

3 Tues. Wrote some to Susan

4 Wed. Wrote a letter to bro Whipple - Stating some of the difficulties of our mission here - and my expectation to leave in a short time unless some change were made in our arrangements.

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5 Thurs. Started with bro. Elliot for Waterloo, to visit the Schools and Churches in the Lady B.

Connexion. Reached Pokelle, about 18 miles S. E. from Freetown, at 2 O. Went to the School and examined the Scholars found some promising boys, but the teacher is quite deficient. Left Pokelle about 5 O. and reached Waterloo a little after dark, &

6 next morning went to the School. Found about 150 Scholars present. A good teacher and some talented children. The average attendance is 157 number on the Roll upwards of 200. Some of these boys, about 15 in number, are studying arithmetic, Grammar & Geography. They also seem to have been pretty well trained in the rudiments. They spell better than any others that I have seen. They write beautifully. Evening went to Campbelltown 2 miles S. W. from Waterloo. The

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School had been abandoned but we met a considerable number in the Chapel. Mr. E. Spoke to them and spoke well.

7 Sat. Returned in the morning to Waterloo. Night went to the Chapel and met a large Congregation. Mr. E. preached. After meeting the Leaders & preachers remained and Mr. E. presented to them the plan of commencing a Select School and of getting me to take charge of it for a while. They seemed to be well pleased with the project.

8 Sund. Preached in the Chapel to a large audience - in the house and around it - & tolerably heavy Rain continued most of the time. Still the people stood outside in hearing some with & some without Umbrellas. Evening we took the opportunity of going with the tide and left about 6 P. Preached Freetown

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at "Ok." ^{ca} the night, having escaped
all the rain though there was
much during the journey.

8 Mond. Wrote letters - Went on
board two Slavers that were
brought in safety. One a large
beautiful vessel and new the other
small and old. They were taken
in a river north of this

10 Tues. Writing letters visiting some
persons in town

11 Wed. Writing letters part of the
day - part taken up by persons
calling met the Directors of Zion Chapel

12 Writing letters Preached in
the Baptist Church in
and agreed to labor for them during the ^{hairs}
the evening, for my expenses only

13 Nothing Special - wrote some
did not feel as well as us-
ual

14 Closed letters to Susan - Mother
Smith, Rebecca - bro. V. List Rogers
bro. Lea Crawford - Rev. Meeting - Dr.
Schmucker - Dr. Sprecher - bro Brooks
bro. S. H. Parker ~~met~~ the Directors
of Zion Chapel again to labor with them

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May 15th Sund. Drove early and wet. to 5 O'clock Prayer Meeting at the Zion Chapel one of the Lady Huntingdon Connection. Attended preaching at the same place in the forenoon and communed with them. I enjoyed the day well.

~~May 15th Sund.~~ In the evening preached at the Baptist Ch. from Luke 16 Ch. 19-21 v.

May 16th Mond. Visited the School in Zion Chapel and spend much of the forenoon there. Examined some School books and made selections for some boys in the School.

May 17 Tues. Having agreed with the Trustees of the Zion Chapel to commence labor among them, I removed my goods to bro. J. Elliotts today. Several evenings ago the agreement was made but I have been able to do but little yet in the work. It is the design to be

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lect the most advanced of the Scholars of the Free School & teach them such branches as they are prepared to enter upon and as will be of most real benefit to them. I shall also have a class of young men to meet at night and study History if I can get them to attend. It is also expected that I lecture or preach once each week. For my services the Trustees have agreed to pay my expenses of living.

Last night I was sick much of the night - Stomach in a bad state - vomited near morning. Have felt weak and sometimes feverish during the day.

18th Wed. Read a while in the morning - attended School from 10 till after 1 O'clock - hear the Boys of the first Class read Composition and practiced them one hour on the map. attended a S. S. Teachers meeting at 5 O'clock at Free Chapel.

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el and Spoke a short time
Pheached ^{night in} at the

belonging to the
West African Methodist. The
Congregation was large. I spoke
from Gal. VII. 10 As we have
therefore opportunity.

I have felt pretty well today.
March 19th Reading part of the
forenoon. Wrote an agree-
ment between Mr. J. G. Mc-
helm and bro. Burton in
regard to a house which bro.
B. has rented from Mr. W.
visited Father Elliott. Was
in the School from 10 to
12 O'clock. - afternoon read
Some letters written by Miss
Thompson and published in
The Harbinger, a Magazine
published by the Lady Har-
tington Connection in London.
These letters set forth the
many facts in regard to
the emigration of the Lady

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Newfoundland people from Nova Scotia to Sierra Leone.

They were induced to come by promises of 20 acres of land for each Man - 10 for his wife & 5 for each Child - Goods at fair prices - protection from Slavery and the same Religious, Military Civil and Commercial rights as the white Settlers. But only one fifth of the land was ever given and none of the other rights were fully extended to them except that of Religious freedom. They landed here in March 1792 about 1100 in number. They were the first to build School houses & Churches. It seems to me that they have been badly treated. Only nine of those who came over are now living.

20th Frid. Reading most of the day except what time I spent in School - Was examining the reports sent from here

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to England, by the Lady Huntington Connection, in regard to their Missions beyond the limits of the Col. They seem to be encouraging, and this body of people still appear to me to have great openings of usefulness if they can only have a select School to train teachers and Preachers.

Examined Dr. Clarke's book on Sierra Leone, but think it does not possess much merit.

2nd Sat. Reading Mrs. Falcous-bridges's letters of Sierra Leone Prepared a Figured Parle-Board so as to use it in teaching the children in School to tell the time of day.

Visited Bro & Sister Buxton. Dr. Cole arrived here from the Mip. this evening. All pretty well he says.

22nd Sund. Preached in the forenoon at Zion Chapel from

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Rom. XIV. 7. 8. attended S. S.
at 20h. taught a large class
of young men & addressed the
School in a few words. Preach-
ed ~~Afternoon~~ again in the Even-
ing from Luke XIV 29. 30. 31
Spoke with much more ease
in the ~~evening~~ evening than
morning.

23rd attended School a while
wrote a copy of my letter
to bro Whipple to send to
the mission. Wrote a letter
to Rev. Chennan at York &
one to Sisters Moore & Thomp-
son at the mission. Have
not felt well today.

24th Tues. The Queens birth Day
Did but little today. Visited
some sick persons in compa-
ny with Mr. Elliott. Tonight
commenced a letter to Susan.

25 Wed. School as usual. Spent
some time with Dr. Cole at bro.
Burtons. Prepared a sermon in
the afternoon Preached at night

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in the West African Church
from Gal VI. 9th and let us not
be weary in well doing for in
due season we shall reap if we
faint not.

26 Thurs. Nothing unusual

27 Frid. Commenced an article
for the Lutheran Observer.
was in School from 10½ to 12½
Lectured in the Zion Chapel
at night on the first part
of the second Chapt. of Matt.

28 Sat. Wrote - visited a little.

29 Sund. Did not preach, attended
worship at the Zion Chapel, &
after service, Mr. Elliott laid
before the members of the Ch.
the object of my coming among
them and the terms on which
I would stay till we received
word from Eng. in regard to
the man they have requested to
be sent out to them. He then
requested them to vote whether
they wished me to remain or not.
Every one arose to signify their

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wish for me to labor among them.

Afternoon I attended S. S. and introduced some new measures.

- 1 Every Teacher to have his Class and either attend every Sunday himself or procure some one in his place.
- 2 That the whole of the Classes in Scripture should have the same Lesson on the same day
- 3 That the teachers are all to meet me on Friday evening to study the Lesson for the ensuing Sunday.
- 4 That I will teach a Class of young men in the vestry adjoining the Church every Sunday at the same time the S. S. is held.

All the teachers seemed well pleased with these arrangements and I hope we shall succeed in keeping them up.

Notice was also given after the Services that I would be-

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ture on some portion of Scripture every Wed. Evening. And would have a Class of young men on every Mond. and Thurs. evening to whom I would give lessons in Geography History &c. I had a large Class in the vestry during the time of S. S. visited some sick people in the evening.

30 Mond. Wrote for the Gospel Herald in the forenoon and attended School. Wrote some in the afternoon. Evening went to the vestry to meet the young men who had expressed a desire to study Geography & History. Only two came, I suppose because of some misunderstanding in the announcement of the time of meeting.

31 Tues. Went with bro Buaton west of Freetown to see some farms, of Coen, Capada, Cotton &c. they looked well, but the

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people have very little idea of farming operations. Bro. B. has permission from Mr. Beadle to cultivate a portion of land in the same vicinity.

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1st Wed. Went early this morning to two different places here in search of some School Books for the boys of the Lady Huntington School, but as I could find none suitable, I started about 10 A. for the village of Bathurst about 6 miles South of ~~the~~ Preston, where the Church Mission Society have a Store, and where I expected to find the books I wanted but was disappointed.

The road to Bathurst leads over the mountains and therefore I had a grand view as I passed over. I could see the winding of the Serpentine River for many miles, with its

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numerous Islets, and the Bullion Shore extending a great distance Southward, and all very low and flat.

The Road to B. is very steep and rough and my horse being one of the native ~~excellent~~ ponies was rather unable to carry me. I walked considerably and felt somewhat fatigued when I returned. This is the first time I have been on horseback in Africa.

Lectured tonight in the Zion Chapel on the first 5 verses of the 1 Chapt. of Luke. The people seemed much interested.

2 Thurs. Went on board the Schooner Elisabeth with bro. Burton to get some articles sent him from the Mission, and some books sent me from Sherbro Is.

Met a class of young men at the Chapel in the evening and gave them some instruction on

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the use of Maps—

This was a day of Showers and hot Sun.

3 Prida Duties in School forenoon
Waiting afternoon—Sunday School
Teachers Meeting at night.

4th Sat. Waiting some forenoon
afternoon Received letters from
Susan, Rebecca, Maria, Annie,
be Imhoff, Joe, and Myers, and
Mrs. Mary Van Epps.

My heart was gladdened by
my wifes letter. My mind
is somewhat relieved. The first
intelligence in regard to the birth
of my little daughter Alice, I
would like to see her.

It came upon me when
I read in Sister Maria's letter that
I cannot probably see ~~Sister~~ Emeline
in this world. Oh! How that
pierces my heart in ^{this} distant place
I can hardly be reconciled to it
The tears now bedim my eyes as
I think of it—Can I see her no
more in time! Farewell my

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patient devoted Sister, If I had more of thy spirit how different I would be!

My beloved wife has suffered much and seems to think it doubtful whether she can endure this climate. I am much perplexed.

The rest of my friends are well. ~~The~~ Several numbers of the Lutheran Observer came - two having letters of mine ~~for~~ written from this country.

5th Sund. Went in the forenoon to Wilberforce, about 3 miles S. W. from Freetown, where I preached in the West African Methodist Chapel from Luke 22. 19th "This do in remembrance of me" - aided in administering the Sacrament and returned to my Bible Class at Zion Chapel at 2 P. M. Evening attended service at Zion Chapel. Rain in the forenoon. Very warm in the afternoon.

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- 6 Mond. Att School as usual in the forenoon, and wrote some to Susan. Very hot Sun at times today - Some Rain - Met a Class of young men at the Chapel this evening and exercised them on the Map of the World.
- 7 Wrote letters - to Susan - Abner and bro Geo. Smith.
- 8 Tues. Wrote some. Met the Class of young men in the evening - very few present - I have been a very rainy day. Do not feel well.
- 9 Thurs. Reading Lutheran Observers and Studying. Evening Satured at Zion Chapel on Luke I. 5th - 17th.
- Today has been clear and warm.
- 10 Frid. Walked with bro. Burston in the forenoon to Fura Bay. Walked too far did not feel well afterwards. Evening met S. S. Teachers. After returning to Mr. Elliotts was visited by

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a Mr. Hazely, who is a very amusing man He abounds in anecdotes, and is a complete mimic

- 11 Sat. Walked early this morning with Mr. Morgan to see his farm west of Kingdon Point, to see how it would suit for a Mission farm or a School for young men who are to be instructed in Agriculture as well as ~~for~~ the common branches of learning. It is rather too far out of the way. Steamer came in last night from Eng. but brought no news for me. Today have done very little as I did not feel well.

- 12 Sund. attended preaching at Zion Chapel and at St. Georges where I heard the bishop preach. In the evening I preached in the Zion Chapel from the words "Is poor yet making many rich". Did not feel much freedom in speaking.

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13 Mond. Wrote a letter to bro and sister ^{26th} Smith and one to Uncle Burkit Webb. In the evening called on Mr. Heasle who again offered me a sum of from three to six thousand dollars to erect a sawmill here & he would claim only one third of the profits of the mill provided bro Bur-ton would go in along.

I am highly in favor of the plan of erecting a mill and think bro. Burton would do well to undertake it. I would be willing to render all the aid I can consistent with other duties.

More young men than usual at the Class in Geography ~~staying~~ ~~arranged~~ this evening.

14 Tues. Wrote a letter to Thomas and one to Maria. Also some additional to my wife. Evening visited Mr. & Mrs. Bur-ton. Wrote a little to bro.

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Whipple in regard to a proposition of Mr. Hebble to bro. Buxton and me, to erect a Saw Mill here.

Received today - evening - Some letters from the Mission, informing us that they have concluded to commence a Station near Bont and one near Singu. That the Company entire are to elect a Superintendent of all the Stations to whom all reports shall be made in regard to the several Stations, &c. And that each Station shall conduct its own affairs but not so as to interfere with the interests of any other.

I now feel that part of my plan has been adopted and although there are still obstacles, I am almost ready to visit the Mission again.

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15th Morning - I went with Bro. Burton to level a Stream putting down into Brown Bay. We found that the can be 20 feet fall obtained. and there is water enough now to propel any common machinery. Bro. Burton and Mr. Weddell are about entering into arrangements to erect a Saw Mill.

This afternoon Rev. Thomas Peyton was buried, but having other engagements, I could not attend the Funeral. The Steamer Hope started for Eng. this evening.

16 Thurs. Lectured in the Zion Chapel in the evening nothing unusual.

17 Frid. A very rainy day. Interesting meeting of the ~~Pres~~ S. S. teachers, this evening.

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18th Sat. Sent off letters to Susan-Maria, Sister Annie, ~~Albie~~,
bro. George Smith and Henry,
to bro Thomas, Uncle Wells,
Lutheran Observer and Gos-
pel Herald.

Wrote a letter to Bro. Jeff
and one to bro. P. Sister Thomp-
son - A very wet day. Visit
ed Capt. Taylor & his wife
She is acquainted with Un-
cle Wells family at Philadelphia

19 Sund. attended preaching at
Zion Chapel, also at St. Geo-
ge - Sunday School at 2
o. Preached at Zion Chapel
this evening from Num. 23.

10th Set me die the death
of the righteous and, let
my last end be like his.

This is a very beautiful
moon-light night. Have had
no card of any consequence to-
day.

20 Mond. Not well - ~~wrote~~ ^{received}
a letter from bro. Thompson

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and one from bro Brooks
by John Caulker who came
up from Bundo, to give
some news about the war.

21 Received a note from Mr.
Ehemann. Wrote a reply to
it. Wrote a letter to
Mr. Whipple and gave it
with some others from the
mission to Capt. Popes
who will sail for Suva
in a few days. Attended
S. S. Teachers Prayer Meeting
and addressed them a short
time - had a good meeting

22nd Wed. Called on the Gov. in
the forenoon to inquire, to
whom Tapa Point-Singee
belongs - he says it is the
joint property of Canrubar
and Thomas - Stephen Caulker
being the place of their father
and the property of the
Caulker family in common.
Today the Troops here embarked
for the West Indies.

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I have commenced reading the first vol. of Whitto's Daily Reading, and find it very interesting.

23rd Thurs. Lectured in the evening on the latter part of the I Chapt. of Luke.

24th Frid. Nothing unusual

25 Sat Read considerable in Missionary Records, and feel solemnly warned by the number of Missionaries who have died on this Western Coast, as well as by the inconstancy and fall of many who came here as Missionaries.

26 Sund. Did not preach, but had a large Bible Class & addressed the S. S. Did not feel as well as usual till this evening. Mrs. Burton is quite sick with fever

27 Mond. Have been reading more in the Missionary Records of the Church Miss. Society. Some things are

discouraging to me
a pretty minute account
of the Church Miss. Societys
doings is given from its
founding in 1804 till
1835 making 30 years
In that time there
were

109 Miss. sent out

3 only then in the field
55, (about) had died here and

on the voyage home
30 ^{about} died within one year from
their arrival

40 Of the whole number were women

25 about of the women died
and most of them died in
child birth

Their first Stations were Jashia
and Canoffe on the Rio. Pongas
Yongroo on the Pullum Shore
St. Gambie - Gambie River
~~Groves~~ at at Goree, but
between 1816 and 1820 all
these places were abandoned
and the Missionaries retired

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within the Colony.

The Slave Trade was the principal cause.

At Regent and Gloucester there were remarkable revivals from 1818 to 1823.

attended lecture this evening at Pademba Chapel, by the Rev. Nichol. Subject "The best means of improving the Social condition of Sierra-Leone. The lecture was a good one plain and truthful.

28th Tues. Wrote a letter to bro. Brooks, and gave him a copy of my letter to bro. Whipple. Have not felt as well as usual today. Read again today Sardin's last letter, and have thought much about it since. I feel discouraged in regard to being any more here. Her health is feeble and this climate is very

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oppressive. Mrs. Burton's sickness adds to my fears about my dear wife. Mrs. Burton is better this evening.

29th Wed. Called on Mr. Dugan Esq. to procure some seeds & plants of various kinds for bra Brooks, who is at the Falls of the Big Boone River. but as Mr. Dugan was sick I could not succeed in getting any thing at present. But hope to get some hereafter.

also called on Mr. Edney to get some Grammars, for my class of Boys, but could get none. Not many of the young men came to my class in this evening.

The boys turned out well.

Do not feel so well as usual. Think very much about our operations in the Sherbro country. Would like to be there. Perhaps will go down soon to be our company.

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30th Thurs. Felt rather unwell in the forenoon, but better in the afternoon. Lectured in the evening on the first 20 verses of the 2nd Chapt of Luke. I have felt much perplexed today about what I should do in regard to our operations in the Ther-
bro. I feel a strong desire to labor there, but the con-
duct of ~~the~~ some of the Com-
pany has discouraged me much. It seems to me that we can hardly labor together and yet I feel inclined to do so on account of the An-
ti-Slavery feature of the Am.
Mip. Socy. My heart is trou-
bled. I have left my dear wife and all my friends to come here and labor for a cause that I feel is dear to me, but the delay and vacillation and I must say wrangling of my co-laborers have made me hope

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but little from them. What is best I do not know. Since I wrote a letter to bro. Whipple and sent them a copy they have agreed to do what I proposed, but I think they feel much incensed against me for writing, and therefore it may be very unpleasant for me to labor with them.

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- 1 Frid attended Court a short time - Purchased One Half Barrel of Flour and put on board the Brig Menez for the mission. Not a good attendance at the S. S. Faghers meeting
- 2 Sat. Went to Court a while in forenoon - Wrote a short letter to Bro. Thompson and one to Bro. Zefft. and enclosed one to Bro Brooks that I had written before.

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Also wrote a few lines to Mr. Nathan. Visited some persons this evening.

3 Sund. Preached at Zion Chapel at 10 O. from Hab. 3.6 L^v. Felt considerable freedom in speaking.

Attended S. S. at 12 O. & had a large Clap of young men.

Since S. S. I have had considerable fever in the head, and therefore did not attend Church tonight.

The rest being about this evening I have had a good time for reflection. But when I think of home I feel sad. My wife - my Susan must be much tried by this long separation, and she moves so as all is in so unsettled a state.

I now feel more symptoms of an attack of fever than at any time since I

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came. I submit myself in
to the hands of God. He
is merciful and therefore
I have hope.

July 20th. I have now
been sick with fever 17 days
but have been recovering since
the 9th of the month. My
fever was very severe for
a few days but I had a good
Physician ~~Dr~~ Deane, and excellent
nurses, bro. White Burton, &
~~say~~ the great Mercy of God
in providing them and bless-
ing the remedies used I have
partially recovered.

On the 18th of this month
I wrote a short letter to
bro. Jefft and commenced one
to my dear Susan, and I ~~also~~
~~did~~ intended then to write
some in this journal, but did
not feel able.

I feel grateful to my Mer-
ciful and Heavenly Father for

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 thus preserving my life. He
 has been good to me indeed.
 The Dr. told me yesterday
 that at one time he was
 very doubtful of my recovery.
 He said Providence had saved
 me.

Friday ~~22~~ I rode out, and
 took cold, so as to cause
 a partial return of the
 fever. In the afternoon
 walked to bro. Elliotts and
 again took up my
 lodging here.

Wed. 27 Sent off, by the
 Steamer "Faith" a letter
 to my wife

Sund 31st Received a package
 of letters from the Miss.
 One from bro. Brooks to
 me, also a vote from
 bro. Jeff. One written
 to bro. Thompson Buxton
 and me I read today

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It states that bro Jefft is very feeble, that Dr Cole and Miss Olbrich have had a quarrel lately - that Miss Sexton is better and Miss McGuire and bro. Gray are well.

August 1853

1 Mon. Walked to bro. Brewster and staid a considerable part of the day. Sister Moore arrived from this morning having left York on Sat. Still at Goodrich yesterday and came in this morning. As she went first to Mr. Decker I have not yet seen her.

2 Tues. Wrote a letter to bro. Knapp this forenoon visited bro. Brewster where I saw sister Moore and this evening wrote a letter to my parents. I feel much better today than yesterday.

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3 Wed. Received a letter from Mr. Buttman and wrote a reply. Spent much of the day with bro. Burt and Thompson. Commenced a letter to bro. Sox. Feel pretty well.

4 Thurs. It has rained nearly all day so that could not go out. But as I felt well I wrote and read considerable. Finished a letter to bro. Sox & commenced one to Susan.

5 Frid. Spent most of the day in putting up some curiosities for my friends in America, to be sent with bro. Thompson

To Susan & Basket containing shells, nuts, Rings, &c.

To Sister Rebecca & Basket

To Sister Elisabet " "

To Mother Smith a small one

To Mother Oliver a Basket

" Sister Martha a Satchel

" Bro. Thomas a Manumunge Bridle

" & Ring to Mrs Dr. Rogers.

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6th Sat. Received a letter this morning from Rev. F. Bultmann Kent in regard to some money and a Box which he wished to send to me to Rev. - Arnold, with Mr Thompson. Wrote a short note in reply.

Wrote a letter to Rev. Ehemann, York, in regard to his designs of entering the Sherbro country. What places we could occupy without interfering with his plans.

Read considerable in Fox's History of Wesleyan Missions on the West Coast of Africa. The Wesleys seem to have adopted the plan of sending missionaries to remain only 3 or four years and then be relieved by others, the first returning to the home field. The mortality among them is less than among the Church Miss, but still their

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 lap is truly affecting. From
 the commencement in 1811
 to 1850 about 40 years the
 number who died on the
 coast is 54 besides the many
 who returned with shattered
 and enfeebled constitutions.

But their Sucas was
 great for although there
 was a small church of Mes-
 seyans here before the Missi-
 onary, having been formed
 by the Nova-Scotians, yet
 at the time Mr. Warren
 came among them they
 did not number 100; and
 by the Reports of 1850 they
 number 6000 ~~and the~~
 in all - at Gambia - Sierra-
 Leone and Gold Coast.

In Mr. Culloch's Commer-
 cial Dictionary I ~~see the~~
~~for~~ find this evening the
 following Statement: "Mr.
 Keith Douglass is reported to have
 stated in his place in the House

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of Commons in July 1831 that
 from to the 1824 the civil
 expenses of Sierra Leone amount-
 ed to 2,268,000 £ and from
 1824 to 1830 to 1,082,000 £

The Naval expenses from 1807
 to 1824 had been 1,630,000 £
 The payments to Spain & Portu-
 gal to induce them to relin-
 quish the Slave Trade amount-
 ed to 1,230,000 £. Expenses on
 account of captured Slaves were
 530,042 £. The expenses incur-
 red on account of the mixed
 commission courts were 198,000
 £ altogether this establish-
 ment had cost the country
 nearly 8,000,000 £!!

This is overwhelming but
 if so what shall we say of
 what the Slave Trade has
 cost Africa, in tears, and groans,
 and Blood & Life?

It has rained moderately
 most of this day, but still
 I have walked out several

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times and feel pretty well now. Surely I should be thankful to God and faithful in duty after receiving so great and so many favors.

7 Sund. Read considerable this forenoon in Fox's History of Wesleyan Miss. W. & attended S. S. at 2 O. and taught my little class for the first time since my sickness.

Heard a man in S. S. teach the Catechism of the Church of Eng.

(Ques) What is your name?

(Ans) M. or N.

Here the children would all say "M. or N." as it is in the book and then the teacher proceeded

(Ques) Who gave you this name?

Ans. My God-fathers & Godmothers in my Baptism; wherein I was made a member of

Christ, the child of God, is
an inheritor of the Kingdom
of Heaven.

But such doctrine as this
will do them but little
harm for they do not
know its meaning—perhaps
not that the passage means
any thing at all.

8th Mond. Have not felt well
today, and therefore have done
little, except write some at
a sketch of Mr. Elliott's life
which I am preparing for
his son. — Rain much
of the day. it falls fast
now.

9th Tues. Came down early
to beg. Burtons— Wrote a
little more to Susan &
a short letter to each of
the Lit. Soc. of Mitt. Coll.
Helped some in packing
up beg. Thomps list 7. and
Sist Burtons things and
at 11 O. went on ~~train~~

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board the Comet with them. Sst. Moore also went with us. Bro. B. bro. Decker and Sister A myself came back. Sst. Moore took dinner with me at bro. Elliotts, after which I went with her to bro. Decker. I returned to bro. Burtons to stay all night.

My feelings were much wrought on in parting with Sister Burton & Thompson. Sst. Thompson is very feeble, and must suffer much before reaching America. While Mrs. Burton will ~~will~~ constantly feel the loss of Mr. B. and will have much to do in waiting on Mrs. Thompson and little ones. May God keep both them and us and allow us to meet again.

10 Wed. Went to bro. Elliotts

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this morning and after consulting with him concluded to come and board with bro. B. at least for the present as it will be more pleasant for him and better for Mrs. E. as her little girl is unwell.

after coming back I read some & wrote considerable of the narrative. It has been clear most of the day, but rained hard since dark. My health still improves.

11 Thurs. wrote some, read some and visited a few persons. This has been a very wet day. Sist. Moore came over here in the evening.

12 Have done very little today - Went on board; the American Frigate Constitution in company with Sist. Moore and others. The vessel and the men made a fine appearance. We had lunch at

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1 $\frac{1}{2}$ O. Visited Mr. Elliott this evening and found him quite unwell. Solene's is no comforter as my feelings tell this evening. - The Steamer Fore-runner arrived from the South this evening.

13 Sat. This evening received by the Schooner Zephyr. Two good letters from Susan - One from bro. Wm Rogers - One from lit. S. Smith - One from bro. Whipple, and a note from bro. Tappan. 4 Copies of the South. Obs. and seven of Gospel Herald.

14 Sund. Did not attend Ch. anywhere. The Commodore and some of the other officers of the Frigate Constitution came on shore this morning and after taking breakfast with the Gov. went to St. Georges Chapel to hear the Bishop. They were accompanied by a Brass Band from belonging to the Constitution.

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This evening commenced a letter
to Susan.

15th Mond. Went to the Custom
house, to procure papers for
~~transshipping~~ transshipping
the Mission Goods from
the Zephyr on which they
came from America to another
vessel for the Sherbro.

Went out beyond the
cape to the Bay George to
procure a passage to the Sher-
bro, and also ^{the} privilege of ta-
king the Mission Goods
along. ~~the~~ Did not find the
Capt. Have been on my
feet most of the day, and
feel tired. Letter came
from the Mission, some
to be sent to America &
the rest for some of us
here one to us in ~~common~~.

16 Tues. Spent most of the day
in hunting some canoe
or vessel going to Sherbro
but found none

Letter from Rev. Mr. of Mission
came further encouraging

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17. Wed. Did not feel well most of the day - It rained much of the day

18. Thurs. Went to Mr. Decker and from there in company with bro. B. Vint. M. went to Mr. Sugans to procure some plants and fruit trees for the Mission but did not find Mr. Sugan at home. Have been reading the papers lately brought from America - much of the time for two days.

I feel very unsettled in regard to my future movements here. Having part of the plan of entering the interior part of the Broom country on account of the confused state of the people and having doubt in reference to the propriety of our company's attempting to act together I feel much inclined

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to go elsewhere to labor,
I wish to do justice to our
committee and to the cause
of Free Missions, but do not
know whether it is now
my duty to continue in
this connection.

The letter that I received
three days since from Rev.
Wilson Munro in re-
gard to the openings of
usefulness now in that
place and the neighbor-
ing counties of the Colony
has rather encouraged me
to go there and examine.
May my Merciful &
Heavenly Father direct
me where I should go!

19 Frid. Visited some with
Jest Moore. Feel very
discontented and much per-
plexed about what I should
do.

20 Sat. Six Missionaries of
the Baptist Society are there

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 way to the Yuciba Country
 called ^{at} this morning, and
 I have spent considerable ~~time~~
 portion of time with them
 They are three young men
 with their wives, lately mar-
 ried I think. One of the men
 has spent two years in Spain
 and has travelled considerably
 in the country East & South
 of Siberia. I feel for these
 young women, for they now
 have little idea of what is
 before them in this country.
 The enterprise seems to me
 too wild as well as our
 own. The ~~first~~ name ~~of~~
 of the one who has been here
 before is Bower.

Wrote a letter this even-
 ing to Rev. Watson at Monrovia
 21 June attended Bapt. Church
 and heard an ~~am~~ Mss.
 J. S. Seamon. Preachings are
 now Messrs. Brown & Thompson
 are ordered to preach by

cong.

Mr. L. Mr. L. J. Bowen
N. J. H. Lucy.

There are ship to America
Country. Mr. Bowen is from
Georgia. The Bennett also
there wife. Lucy from Vir-
ginia wife from N. Carolina.
Their babies will leave
West Africa.

They returned about 220
miles. Thak. ~~the~~ Igboho
P. E. Hishi.

Afternoon at 4 o'clock
on board the steamer Hope
for Liberia

22 Sept now surely last
night - not fifteen minutes
left until today.

23rd Anchored of Cape Mesurado
today about 8th but did
not get on shore till 11.
Went to Mr. James where
I now am - was kindly re-
ceived. Spent some time with
Mr. James in school the
rest in walking about town.

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Saw a Mrs. Johnson from Ohio who was much pleased with the place & would not return. She showed me some beautiful Coffee plants in her garden. Went to the light house on the cape - Light house is a small frame building with a cupola for the light. The old Battery has 20 guns but all lying on the ground. I am pleased with what I have seen - I feel quite well this evening.

24th Wed. Spent most of the day with Mr. Plyden one of Mr. Wilson's Students, and in reading. In the evening went to Mr. Burns the Superintendent of Mr. Ep. Miss. in Siberia. He treated me with much kindness and asked me to preach in his

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church on next Sund. which
I agreed to do.

25 Thurs. Spent most of the
day in preparing to preach
in the Pres. Ch. tonight
Preached from the text For
none of us liveth to himself, &c.

26 Frid. This has been a rainy day
I have not felt so well as us-
ual. Washed out some.

27 Sat. Prepared to preach
tomorrow, and in the evening
went with Mr. James to
call on Judge Benedict, Rev.
Cummell, lately from N. Y.
and several others.

28 Sund. Preached in the fore-
noon in the Pres. Ch. from
Deut. 8th 2nd. Lord thou shalt
remember all the way, &c.

Afternoon preached in the
Meth. Church from Num.

23rd 10th verse. The house was
small, the Meth. Ch. being
unfinished but it was crowded
The Pres. and other of the officers

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were present. Took dinner with
bro Burns.

29th Mond. At Monrovia, part
of the day with Mr. Burns
and part at Mr. James read-
ing the life of Ashmun.

I feel more and more anxious
to labor in the bounds of
this Republic, as I believe it now
affords the most ample scope
and most promising opportu-
nities for Christian enterprise
in Africa.

30th Started at 9 A.M. in
company with Rev. Burns
for Millburgh ~~up~~ the
St. Paul river. We arrived
at Rev. Mr. Herrings about
one mile below Millburgh
at 6 P. in the evening, hav-
ing stopped 12 hours at
College Place, and in compa-
ny with Mr. Eugene of the
Pres. Mission, walked about
the intended location of the
College. The site is fine - being

considerably elevated above the surrounding country. Some beautiful white flint rocks lying on the S. W. Corner are quite an ornament. A Spring on the N. E. side is said to afford abundance of good water during the whole dry season.

The land on both sides of the river is elevated from 6 to 20 feet - (The College Ground about 40) above the water which is now near its highest mark. The River at this season runs with a rapid current constantly toward the sea, but in the dries the Tide rolls up to this place or at least it so affects the river that it rises here about 2 ft. at full tide. Some rocks at two or three places are visible in the middle of the river. The river here is between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile wide. The timber is not tall and large and straight like

buy.
 the American Oak Pine or
 Poplar. Mr. Herring has been
 here more than 20 years, has
 endured great hardships, and
 is a man of good sense, and
 gentlemanly deportment. He
 is a Methodist Missionary
 and has labored in all the
 settlements in Siberia.

Mr. Merritt a colored man
 from Cicleville Ohio, is here &
 does not seem to be satisfied
 with the country & rather thinks
 he will not return here with
 his family after going to N. I.
 I do not think him a suitable
 man to settle in a new
 country.

We had considerable rain
 in coming up & the ground
 and bushes are so wet that
 we cannot walk about much.
 I am much pleased with
 the appearance of the country
 up this way. From 8 miles
 above Monrovia to this place

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There are frequent settlements on both sides of the river. The settlers have in many places made Bricks and built houses, which appear well. They are growing Corn Sugar Cane, Rice, Sweet Potatoes, Plantains, &c. All the land from this down to Shack-tony Creek on both sides of the river is taken up - what is not owned by settlers is owned by people at Monrovia.

31st Wed. Walked about here (White Plains) during forenoon and this afternoon went up through Millsburgh and then crossed the river and walking about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile arrived at the new settlement, which has been formed within 8 months. The settlement contains 6 houses and about 35 or 40 persons.

Mr. Harris & Sons from A.C. seem to endure the climate and other trials well. Mr Jacob with a large family

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of girls is doing very well
 Mr. Young is sick with
 fever. Their land is good
 and their location the
 best I have seen - being
 elevated and knobby, and
 is immediately at the rapids
 of the river.

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- 1 Thurs. Walked out early &
 did not feel well on return-
 ing - Wrote a little in the
 forenoon - afternoon took
 a long walk in the country
 South of White Plains Mission
 Crossed three small creeks
 and walked over several hills
 and through a number of
 Rice farms - some of them
 were well covered with ripe
 Rice - the natives were enga-
 ged in cutting it. Saw one
 very large Cotton Tree. On
 some of the hills I saw
 pretty good timber. I was

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at two small native towns but in one I found only one old man and in the other only one man and one woman. In the rice farms I generally found a house or shed in which some women or boys stand to watch the crop. Having lost my pocket compass in the morning, I having wandered about till I lost the points of compass, there being no sun I found difficulty in finding my way back, but got one of the natives to accompany me part of the way. I talked with the natives about living among them and those who could understand seemed much pleased.

On returning I found Mr. Blyden, Mrs. Gill and Miss Simpson from Monrovia. They all stay with us tonight.

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The Soil in the part of the country I visited today is the best I have seen and I believe that the little streams I saw would afford water power. There is considerable gravel in the soil on the hills, and one of the streams where I crossed had a bottom of Granite.

2^d Frid. We had rain most of the forenoon. Wrote a little to Susan and commenced a letter to bro. Wm Rogers. — This afternoon I went in company with bro. Herring to Millburgh & visited Mrs. Wilkinson who has a female school. She has now 14 ~~girls~~ whom she boards and instructs in "the common Eng. branches and in various departments of labor. The cost of each per year is \$25. Her house is a two-story brick, in which

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are the School Room & Rooms of both teachers & Scholars. The location is low, but the occupants have generally been pretty healthy. Mrs. W. has been in this country **16** years and has had but one change of climate - one visit to Genérica. Immediately back of Millsburg there are hills which appear beautiful but I did not go to them. Mr. Bird a Meth. Miss. from Robertsonville about 5 miles S. E. from here is with us this evening.

The more I see of this country and the more I reflect on the work of Missions in Africa the more I become convinced that Siberia affords the best sphere for Christian enterprise that there is on this West Coast.

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When I reflect on the fact that the greatest part of the work of civilizing and Christianizing Africa must be done by the black man that in the Southern Ch. in America there are some ^{such} who could be useful and would be willing to engage in this work and that the Luth. Ch. has the means of sending ^{or sustaining} those persons here ~~and~~ I think I could do most good by visiting our people - laying this matter plainly before them and thus inducing them to undertake a mission in this field. My plan would be to form a small settlement but to send only two or three families at first who are pretty well informed & are willing to come to settle on some interior part

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where the soil is good &
where we can go without
much inconvenience to have
a Minister with them &
have a School as soon as
possible to take as soon
a fairly settled, ~~settled~~
many Children of the heathen
as the Company could well
keep in their families &
have them attend School
and labor with and for
the families. This I believe
to be the most successful
way to civilize and Chris-
tianize these Children. They
must be brought into civ-
ilized places and if possible
into families.

A movement of this kind
would I believe better the
condition of the people of
color who would come out
would strengthen this ris-
ing Republic, which I regard
as the brightest star of

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of famine in African Canopy -
and would at the same
time be a direct and effective
missionary work.

I have thought much
about this undertaking &
believe that I am willing
to give myself up to it
first to visit my people
in America & consult &
plead till they undertake
the work & then to come
out with the company.
May God Direct

3rd Sat. We have had much
rain today - the river has
risen 3 feet since yesterday
morning. The rain falls fast
now. The air is cool.

I do not feel well - have
heaviness and dull aching in
the head - Eyes and face are
swelled. This is new to me.
4th Sunday. Heard Bro. Kerring
preach at Millsburg in the
forenoon and I preached at

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the same place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, from Rom. 12-1. I beseech you brethren. Felt unwell all day - went home with Mr. Cuttand in the evening to remain during the night. I found a very kind family.

Took dinner today with Sct. Hilarius Principal of the North Female School at Millburg. Received from her some Country Medicine, which I have taken as I have no other and can get nowhere. The Medicine is a nut much like the Pea nut only that the Shell is black. It is said to be anti-bilious. I have eaten two nuts.

5th Mond. Was somewhat sick last night being affected by the medicine taken in the evening. Felt better this morning. Took a walk with Mr. Cuttand in the

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forenoon to a hill south of Millburgh, about 1 mile from this hill we had a fine view of the country for several miles around. Several elevations on each side of the river are visible. There is a little stream of water between Millburgh & the hill. I think that there is good water in that place. Afternoon returned to Mr. Herrings took dinner. Started down the river for Mr. J. M. Outland 3 miles below Mr. Herrings. Found Mrs. A. at home & very well pleased that I have called. He and a few others have put up a little country house on his land for preaching, and they have requested me to stay till tomorrow night and preach for them. I have promised to do so. Mr. Outland has been in

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This country many years ago
has now a beautiful Situation
here. ~~He lives on the~~ It is on
the North-Side of the river.
The land rises about 10 or 12
feet above high water imme-
diately at the river, and
about 20 rods from the water
is a beautiful gravelly knoll
about 30 ft higher than the
rest of the land. On this his
house is built a small but
comfortable Brick. His farm
contains Corn, Rice, Sweet Po-
tatoes, Yams, Coffee, Cotton & Sugar
Cane looks well. Last year he
had one acre of Sugar Cane and
made nearly \$200, worth of he
got this year he has about
7 acres growing. His cotton trees
are rising not yet bearing, but
are very thrifty. Sweet Potatoes
are good, and he has between 1
to two acres. The Rice seems to
be good. Yams he is just
commencing.

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6th Tues. This has been a wet day so that I have not been out much. The evening is so rainy that we did not have meeting. I have suffered much today from indigestion. Mr. Russell, formerly a Methodist minister but now an Episcopalian Minister, came here this evening and will remain all night.

7th Sat At Mrs. Eskins Kentucky
Left Mr. Cullands this morning in company with Mrs. Russell and came to this place by land the distance being only two miles. Stopped a while at Mr. Hooper's who has a great many small coffee trees, and is cultivating a great many wild native plants and trees. He has been but three years in the country and is now doing well. The wild Cherry is one

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of the most remarkable in his plantation. It is loaded with fruit from one foot above the ground till near the points of the limbs. The Cherries are nearly as large as the American tart Cherry are said to be palatable and they grow on stems attached to the body of the tree and to the larger limbs. Some ~~were~~ on the same tree were nearly ripe others half grown and others just formed while there were blossoms for some still later. Mr. Hooper had taken ripe fruit from this tree a few days ago.

Afternoon went with Mr. E. down the river one mile to Mr. Russell's and saw some fine land and good building spots, which are being improved. Considerable rain today ~~and the~~ air cool. I have had much unpleasant feeling in my stomach and bowels.

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 & Thurs. at Mr. Eschies.

This morning I went with Mr. Es. about one mile back from the river on the North side. Some pretty good timber soil not so good as above on the river generally. Saw much Mica in an old road leading from this place to Boporo in the Pele ~~and~~ country. Gathered some specimens of Mica, Quartz &c. Expect to start soon for Monrovia.

Evening at Monrovia-

Reached Mr. James about 2 O. Found all well but a boy living with Mr. J. who fell this morning from some high stone steps and very sorely wounded his head. He is lying very low.

Reached this evening from in the Pres. Ch. from John. 11. 35.-36 Could not speak

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at all. Feel sad that I can do no better when I attempt so great a duty as declaring God's word. My sinners is too in part the result of wounded pride. God forgive me & make me a better man.

9. Frid. Monrovia. Called on Rev. Roberts this forenoon, and had considerable conversation in regard to missionary labor and the various points of most promise in the Bounds of Liberia for Mission Stations. Rev. Roberts is a plain, gentle, sociable man. — Also became acquainted with Rev. Mr. Coker of the Meth. Ch. Remained here this afternoon. A clear dry day.

10 Sat. Prepared to preach tomorrow. Wrote a letter to Mr. Burton. Clear & warm today. My game little boy better.

11 Sund. Preached forenoon in Meth. Ch. from Isa. 32. 1-8. Afternoon in Pres. Ch. from Psal.

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3. 21-23. — Day rainy & cool.
I feel well.
- 12 Mond. Wrote some this forenoon took dinner with Rev. Mr. Coker went to Court in the afternoon attended a meeting of the Ladies literary Institute & heard Rev. Mr. Stokes deliver a Lecture of "The Christian Scholar".
- 13 Tues. Wrote a letter for the South. Obs. Spent the evening very agreeably with Dr. Roberts.
- 14 Wed. Have done but little. Called on the Pres. this afternoon. Talked some in regard to commencing a mission at some future time in the bounds of the Republic. He said that land would be given free for mission purposes, at any place not occupied.

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15th Thurs. Wrote a letter
for the Lutheran Observer
Preached at night in the
Pres. Ch. from Luke 16.th 29-31

16 Read a little visited Jouay
Capt. Weber arrived from
Salem Mass. A small vessel
from the South brings in-
telligence that Mrs. Wilson
is sick at Bapa, but is now
recovering. This has been a de-
lightful day.

17 Saturday. Prepared to preach
Took a long walk east of
town to Meruado river

18 Sund. Preached in the forenoon
at the Pres. Ch. from Isa. 52

7 The watchmen shall lift up
the voice. In the afternoon
at the Meth Ch. from John
7. 37 and at night in the
Baptist Ch. from Ps. 56. 12.

19 Made a few calls - wrote a
little to Susan a very wet

~~day~~
20th Tues. Wrote a letter to the

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Suth. Observer.

21 Wed. Wrote a letter to Prof.
at Wittenberg College.

22 Thurs. Took breakfast with
Pres. Roberts. At 10 O. went
on board the Steamer Hope
at 6 ~~o'clock~~ in the evening
we were under way for
Freetown

23 Frid. A pretty fair day
at sea - we were out of sight
of land all day.

24th Sat. Anchored in the Har-
bor at Freetown about 4 O.
Found bro. Burton & sister
More and James the boy living
with bro Burton all pretty well.

25 Sund. Have been at home all
day. I feel much perplexed
in regard to the course I ~~shall~~
should pursue.

26 Prepared for mail letters to
several persons and wrote a letter
to Mrs Whipple

27 Wrote a letter to Rev. H. L.
Doe, and put it and the

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following into the Office to be
Sent by the Steamer Hope by
way of Eng. to America One
letter to Susan - one to the
brethren at Weth. Coll. - 1 to bro.
Wm. B. Rogers - 3 to Luth. Obs.
1 to Rev. Geo. Whipple.

Took tea this evening with
bro. Elliott - had a pleasant time.
The conversation turned upon
the expenses of this Government,
which compared with those of
Siberia are enormous.

The Salary of the Gov. is £2,000

~~Chief~~ " " " Chief Justice 1,500

Colonial Sec. " 500

Queen's Advocate " 500

Police Magistrate " 500

First Clerk " 400

Second " " 300

Third " " 250

Fourth " " 200

Engineer " 500

Assistant Engineer " 250

Chief Physician " 500

2 ~~Asst~~ Surgeons 250 each " 500

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4 Managers, 250 each £1,000
 Total £ 8,900

Besides this the Military department is very expensive.

28th Wed. Have done nothing but read today. I am now waiting for a passage to the Sherbro country to help the company put up their houses. What I shall do after that I cannot tell. My mind is settling more fully on the plan of appealing to the Sutherland Co. to establish a mission in Siberia

29th Thurs. Reading

30 Frid. This evening bro Jeff arrived from the Mission. He is pretty well and when he left the rest of the company were enjoying tolerable health.

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Breton.

1 Sat. Have been making some preparation to go to the Mission. Today I received a letter from bro. Haines, which he wrote

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in March - also one from Susan and one from Sister Rogers all in the same envelope. They were Miprent to Mauritius, South East ~~part~~ of Africa. The letter from my dear wife was written just after her confinement, and contains a small lock of our little Oliver's hair - it is black and beautiful.

2nd Sund. attended meeting at Zion (Lady Huntington) Chapel in the forenoon and went with bro. Jefft to Bathurst St. Chapel (Wesleyan), and heard Mr. Peay preach. Read considerable today.

3rd Mond. Spent forenoon attending to Mission business with bro. Jefft. Afternoon got some plants from Judge Carrs for the mission - Read some in Botany.

I feel reluctant to go to the mission - Since bro. Jefft has come up and told me that it is the desire of all for me

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to remain one year from this time or even from the commencement of next rains.

I do not wish to stay so long—because I wish before that time to be engaged in attempt to induce the Lutheran Ch. to found a mission in Siberia—because I do not feel satisfied to leave my dear wife so long a time—because in remaining that length of time and yet not designing to be permanent will lead to unpleasant feelings in the company towards me—because I can not execute any plan of mission labor in one year and would not probably adopt or commence such plans as would be executed by the one who may follow me and because the Siberian country is less healthful and less promising than other fields on this coast that I could occupy.

I do not feel under obligation

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tion to stay because I came
~~out~~ only on trial and for
but one year—that year will
expire the first of Feb. because
when at the Mission I was
so interferred with and so trea-
ted that I do not desire to
remain any longer than to
meet my engagement & beca-
use the country as a field of
Missionary labor is very differ-
ent from what I supposed it
to be when I started from the
N. E.

On the other hand My desires
to promote the Anti-slavery Mission
Cause and the regard I have for
the Com. of the Am. Miss. Soc. ~~for~~
~~etc~~ ~~for~~ and some of the compa-
ny here operate strongly in favor
of my staying till others can
be sent out.

4 Tues. Have spent most of the
day in making purchases and
other preparations to leave for
the mission tomorrow morning.

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Provisions here are high at present Beef \$25 doll. per bb. Hams 25^{to 30} cents per pound. Butter 36 ~~cents~~ per lb. Eggs 18 cents per doz. Cheese 35 cents per lb. Flour \$12. per barrel Corn Meal \$10. per bb. Fresh beef 8 cents per pound Pork 12 cent Mutton 12 cents. Yams \$2. per hund. Apples - Fresh fish 4 cents per lb. Rice \$3.50 per bushel.

5th Wed. Started at 12 O. from Freeport for the Mission. Arrived at York about 8 O. at night. Sister Moore accompanied me but bro. Jeff remained designing to start tomorrow in another canoe. Miss Moore was much sea sick. We remain to night at Mr. Mr. Wrights a Wesleyan Missionary.

6th Left York in the morning & continued right on all day and all night. Passed Plantain a little before Sun Set. About 9 O. ^{at night} we had heavy rain and the night was so dark we could not see land and

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having no compass we could not proceed. We cast anchor but the cable was too short to reach bottom. After two hours we found anchorage and remained till morning.

7 Awoke early remembered that this day is one year from my parting with my dear. Wrote part of a letter to her, acknowledging God's tender mercy to us both. Arrived at Bont at 3 A. Found Dr. Cole here - went with him & Sister Moore to see the new Station. Selected to build a mission house near this place. It is the same that I recommended 6 months ago to the company provided they designed operating on the Boon river so that a Store Station would be necessary on the coast. But it is a low unhealthy place. Sister Moore is quite well today - has been much better than yesterday. The Dr. looks sickly and complains much.

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8th Sat. Prepared to preach tomorrow.

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took charge of the hands employed at clearing Mission premises here as Dr. Cole was sent for last night to visit Miss Aldrich who is very sick at the Mission. Miss Moore & the Dr. started early this morning. I am anxious to hear from Miss Aldrich. I feel an increased desire for spiritual qualifications for my work. I pray that I may be enabled to act worthily.

9th Sund. Reached twice forenoon from Matt. 20. 28 - afternoon from Matt. 13th 1-23 Parable of the Sower. The attendance was small, but the attention good. Several poor dark minded heathen who could not understand English, came and looked on for a while and then went away. I wish I could speak the native language. A conchigator swam along near the place of preaching and attracted the attention of the people.

10th Mond. Spent some time with the hands Read in Fiskney's Theology

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We have had considerable rain today. Had a long talk with Mr. Nathan this evening.

The trade at this Factory amounts to about £10,000 annually or about \$528,000. The expenses annually not including Mr. Nathan's salary are about £1,400 or \$6,720. Mr. Nathan receives a salary of £200 and 2½ per cent on the trade, and has his house and table furnished by the Company. There are 1 head Clerk, 2 Under Clerks, 2 Carpenters - one Cooper - One Blacksmith, 1 Cook - 1 Steward - 2 Watchmen - one Gardener - 1 Fisherman - One Boat crew of 7 men & some other labourers & a number of boys as apprentices, aids and waiters, all hired by the Company. The present year on account of the war will afford no profit.

Besides the boat crew already mentioned there are ~~six~~ others of about 7 men each that belong to the boats and canoes which are employed in carrying produce

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from this to other factories
of the same company.

1st Tues. Duties as usual. Today
there was a transaction among
the people which although quite
common I have never seen
before. It seems to be a mere
ceremony preparatory to the Cir-
cumcision of young females.
The natives Circumcise females
as well as males. But females
are not generally circumcised
until they arrive at maturity
and is then done by the elder women.
It is perhaps delayed thus long so
as to make it a sort of inquisition
for when the act is performed the
old women refuse to stop the
blood until the subject becomes
faint and then demand of her
to tell whether she has been guilty
of sexual commerce, and threaten
to let the bleeding cause death unless
~~she~~ she declares the truth. Upon
confession the bleeding is at once checked.
The ceremony today was nothing

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more than painting a few girls
in a fantastic manner and then
marching them about the town
in single file and so near each
other that each one (but the first)
could rest her chin or face on
the preceding ones back while the
older women were on each side
and before & behind them singing
and gently striking the girls with
the small leafy branches of a certain
tree. This they call "bringing them out
of the Bush" - that is taking the
first step towards taming them.

Last night about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'clock the
canoe arrived from the Mission
with boards - no word from Sister
Blairick - she is probably better.

Mr Nathan's canoe, on which
bro Tefft was to come from Freetown
arrived last night about 3 O'clock
but did not bring Mr. Tefft. It
seems that from some cause the
canoe started before he was ready
and without his knowledge. This
will defer our Missionary Meeting.

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12th Last night about 1 O'clock
 bro. Brooks arrived here on his
 way from the Falls of the Boom
 to the mission to attend a
 missionary meeting, but in
 consequence of bro. Jeff's not
 arriving from Freetown he
 remained here today. I have
 done scarcely any thing today.
 Did not feel as well as usual.

13th Started about 10 A. for the
 Miss. with bro. Brooks and
 arrived about 7 in the evening.
 Found Miss Aldrich better than
 the others tolerably well.

As the Canoe had gone down
 to this place to be sent on
 today by me to Freetown I
 staid only 1 hour and then star-
 ted for Pont. where I arrived
 at half past 5 A. on the morn-
 ing of the

Started the canoe for town
 sent the Boat back to the Miss.
 Wrote a letter to bro. Brewster

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one to be Grey and signed ~~me~~
to Susan and sent it to town
to be forwarded first opportunity.

To day Mr. Moses Mr. Nathaniel
Chief Clerk left on account
of several small troubles with
himself and others in and about
the factory.

18th Sat. In consequence of Mr. Jeff's
getting a passage on a vessel com-
ing to Sherbro, the canoe having
met the brig returned ~~this~~ ^{last} even-
ing to Bont with bro. Jeff.

This morning after arranging
matters at Bont we started
together for the Mission, where
we arrived this evening about
8 o'clock. Found all tolerably
well.

19th Sund. Preached forenoon from
Heb. 4. 16 - the house was full.
Afternoon attended S. S. and
taught a large Testament Class.
The Boys seemed interested. Even-
ing heard bro. Jeff preach from
Prov. 3. 2. Have felt unwell today.

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17th Mond. Was employed most of the day in repairing some things about the mission. At the breakfast table immediately after breakfast, Bro. Jefft spoke of having a meeting to-day or tomorrow and nominated Bro. Brooks & Cole as a committee to prepare business for the meeting and to report so soon as they could that a meeting might be held. They have been busy ever since but have not reported.

18th Tues. All the members who are here met at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ O. Bro. Grey was called to the chair and Dr. Cole was made Sec. of the meeting. I then stated that I designed to stay no longer than the year for which I agreed with the Committee or at most not longer than till next May and that therefore did not deem it proper for me to do much in planning

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for the mission, nor even for me to be present at the meeting unless they thought I should. They decided that I should stay at the meeting.

The meeting then heard the report of resolutions to be considered.

After these Res. came the division of labor for the next few months. Bro. Grey left, Sister Moore & Mr. Quere and myself were appointed to labor at Bunt or at least to supervise the work there. Bro. Tefft and I are to do the preaching here.

The meeting adjourned at 3 till 6 and continued in session till 11 O' at night. ~~19~~ Wed. Started from the mission with bro. Tefft and Grey and came to Bunt about 4 O in the evening - visited Mr. Hazely and made arrangements with him to procure his lot adjoining

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that of the Mission for Mission purposes. We are to give him Sixty Dollars and remove his house now partly built and erect it on a different spot.

20th Thurs. Went early with bro. Grey & Jeff to select the particular place for building. They started for the Mission about noon. Have spent the rest of the day in attending to the hands employed - The Marons commenced at Mr. Sathans. Iron house so as to have it underpinned in time for us to move in while building our own.

21st Frid. Went early to the town Mokolong ~~for~~ about 4 miles South for a canoe load of stone. Sent the canoe to the Mission - considerable trade today at this place.

22nd Sat. Have been very busy all day with the workmen. Wrote a short letter to bro.

Left by our small canoe.
Forenoon rainy.

One of the watchmen whose mother died some weeks ago came in this evening and asked Mr. Nathan to allow them to "keep wake" tonight, which being granted I have been out to witness the ceremony. The Company consists of about 20 men & women seated on mats spread on the ground. In their midst is a small wooden box covered with a country cloth containing a bowl of palm oil for a lamp, and two bottles of Rum. They are singing and one or two beat upon the box to keep time. But their repartees from singing to drink are frequent. Several of them are now intoxicated, and the rum is nearly out. These watchmen belong to the Kroomen. The Sentiment Church I cannot find out.

28th Sund. Bro. Brooks & Cole came

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here last night about mid-
night, and have been here to-
day. Preached in the forenoon
from Prov. 15. 3. And at 2
O. afternoon. ~~discoursed~~ on the
2nd Chapt. of Matt. I asked
both the Dr. & Mr. Brooks to
preach but neither would
concede. No rain of any conse-
quence today.

2^d Mond. I have been very bu-
sy attending to Masons Carpenters
and other hands. Bought some
rice at 4 shillings per bushel.
The five workmen at the bush
made a strike because dissatis-
fied with their pay last Sat.
but this evening one of them
said they wished to return to
work. Bros. Brooks & Cole star-
ted up the Boom about 2 O.
I feel considerably fatigued

2^d Tues. Canoe came last night ~~not~~
with ticks and also one with
lumber & five hands to work
here. Have been very busy in

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unloading & sending off the canoe
 attending to the workmen and
 this evening went to the funeral
 of a young trader ^{Carrett} who died sud-
 denly up the ~~William~~ ^{William} river and was
 brought to his brother-in-law Smith's
 place for burial. I spoke briefly
 and read Scripture & prayed at the
 grave. I felt warned by this sud-
 den removal to prepare for my
 change.

26th Wed. Wrote a letter to bro. Ira
 Crawford. Commenced one to Geo. & Ma-
 ria. Went to Mokolong with the
 Masnis to show them stone to
 split. Talked with the people of the
 town about giving a present for
 the stone. Commenced putting the
 roof on the Iron house. Took
 back three laborers that I had dis-
 charged for neglecting their work.
 Rain last night but much today
 a cry for the dead tonight, one
 of Mr. P's canoe boys having died.
 27th Went early to Mokolong to make
 present for stone had a long pal-

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er but at last succeeded in getting the stones - for two Bars Tobacco 6 Spoons - 3 Looking-glasses. A Some Fish-hooks. A fight in the factory and each of the men were fined 10 bars. - I wrote a letter to Maria and George.

24th Frid. Wrote letters & attended to workmen. Closed letters this evening - One to Susan - one to Geo and Maria - one to Ira - one to Robert & Eliza - and one to Wm. Hoened - also wrote one to Rev. Burtin at Freetown.

This morning. bro Grey & Jnt. Mc Guire were married at the mission and arrived here about 7 O'clock this evening. The Iron house is ~~not~~ all covered nor the floor laid but by putting down loose boards and hanging up mats they lodge there tonight.

25 Sat. Preparing the Iron house as a residence much trouble with the men as we have in all today about forty. Canoe went back to the

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Misrine. Bro. Grey sick not able to be out of bed most of the day.

Ed boat, Jenn and Eng. Man of War came here early this morning & the men informed us that the Gov. Mr. Kennedy is up at Genoa about 5 days pull from here and that the Consul appointed for the Sherbro is along with the Gov and will select a situation before he returns. His name I think is Hanson. Mr. Nathan has gone up to the vessel.

Mr. Heddles big leaves tonight for Freetown.

30. Sund This morning about 9^h A. Mr. Hanson, the Eng. Consul for Sherbro, arrived. He attended service at 10^h when I preached from John 14. 2nd. The Englishman accompanying Mr. H. was also present. No service afternoon, as we were late and there was much confusion.

31. Mond. Gov. Kennedy came down about 9 A. to this place. Took break

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part with Mr. Nathan went to
Bendos and then back to the
Brig. Bro. Gay and I went
to the Bier Yummy about mo-
ving Mr. Hasehys house off the
mission ground. He ~~can~~ not do it.
Mr. Gay took charge of the la-
bores & I went on finding the
Jain house for a temporary re-
sidence. —

✓ Tues. Still at work. Helped lay
off the foundation for the Miss-
ion house, early this morning
Iron house steps put up.

2nd Wed. Went with Bros. Nathan
and Hanson to Mokolong & Leba.
Mr. ~~Nathan~~ Hanson selected a place
to build a little below
Mokolong. Sunk the small canoe
loaded with stone but got it up
again when the tide ran out.
Commenced the Wall of the Mission
house. This morning the large canoe
came from the mission with
Bricks and \$41-12-10^a worth of
Goods to pay workmen.

